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(57) Abstract			
<p>The sequences of extended cDNAs encoding secreted proteins are disclosed. The extended cDNAs can be used to express secreted proteins or portions thereof or to obtain antibodies capable of specifically binding to the secreted proteins. The extended cDNAs may also be used in diagnostic, forensic, gene therapy, and chromosome mapping procedures. The extended cDNAs may also be used to design expression vectors and secretion vectors.</p>			

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EXTENDED cDNAs FOR SECRETED PROTEINS

Background of the Invention

The estimated 50,000-100,000 genes scattered along the human chromosomes offer tremendous
5 promise for the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of human diseases. In addition, probes capable of specifically hybridizing to loci distributed throughout the human genome find applications in the construction of high resolution chromosome maps and in the identification of individuals.

In the past, the characterization of even a single human gene was a painstaking process, requiring years of effort. Recent developments in the areas of cloning vectors, DNA sequencing, and computer
10 technology have merged to greatly accelerate the rate at which human genes can be isolated, sequenced, mapped, and characterized. Cloning vectors such as yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs) and bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs) are able to accept DNA inserts ranging from 300 to 1000 kilobases (kb) or 100-400 kb in length respectively, thereby facilitating the manipulation and ordering of DNA sequences distributed over great distances on the human chromosomes. Automated DNA sequencing machines permit
15 the rapid sequencing of human genes. Bioinformatics software enables the comparison of nucleic acid and protein sequences, thereby assisting in the characterization of human gene products.

Currently, two different approaches are being pursued for identifying and characterizing the genes distributed along the human genome. In one approach, large fragments of genomic DNA are isolated, cloned, and sequenced. Potential open reading frames in these genomic sequences are identified using bio-
20 informatics software. However, this approach entails sequencing large stretches of human DNA which do not encode proteins in order to find the protein encoding sequences scattered throughout the genome. In addition to requiring extensive sequencing, the bio-informatics software may mischaracterize the genomic sequences obtained. Thus, the software may produce false positives in which non-coding DNA is mischaracterized as coding DNA or false negatives in which coding DNA is mislabeled as non-coding
25 DNA.

An alternative approach takes a more direct route to identifying and characterizing human genes. In this approach, complementary DNAs (cDNAs) are synthesized from isolated messenger RNAs (mRNAs) which encode human proteins. Using this approach, sequencing is only performed on DNA which is derived from protein coding portions of the genome. Often, only short stretches of the cDNAs are
30 sequenced to obtain sequences called expressed sequence tags (ESTs). The ESTs may then be used to isolate or purify extended cDNAs which include sequences adjacent to the EST sequences. The extended cDNAs may contain all of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them or only a portion of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them. In addition, the extended cDNAs may contain the full coding sequence of the gene from which the EST was derived or, alternatively, the extended cDNAs may
35 include portions of the coding sequence of the gene from which the EST was derived. It will be appreciated that there may be several extended cDNAs which include the EST sequence as a result of alternate splicing or the activity of alternative promoters.

In the past, the short EST sequences which could be used to isolate or purify extended cDNAs were often obtained from oligo-dT primed cDNA libraries. Accordingly, they mainly corresponded to the 3' untranslated region of the mRNA. In part, the prevalence of EST sequences derived from the 3' end of the mRNA is a result of the fact that typical techniques for obtaining cDNAs, are not well suited for isolating cDNA sequences derived from the 5' ends of mRNAs. (Adams et al., *Nature* 377:174, 1996, Hillier et al., *Genome Res.* 6:807-828, 1996).

In addition, in those reported instances where longer cDNA sequences have been obtained, the reported sequences typically correspond to coding sequences and do not include the full 5' untranslated region of the mRNA from which the cDNA is derived. Such incomplete sequences may not include the first exon of the mRNA, particularly in situations where the first exon is short. Furthermore, they may not include some exons, often short ones, which are located upstream of splicing sites. Thus, there is a need to obtain sequences derived from the 5' ends of mRNAs which can be used to obtain extended cDNAs which may include the 5' sequences contained in the 5' ESTs.

While many sequences derived from human chromosomes have practical applications, approaches based on the identification and characterization of those chromosomal sequences which encode a protein product are particularly relevant to diagnostic and therapeutic uses. Of the 50,000-100,000 protein coding genes, those genes encoding proteins which are secreted from the cell in which they are synthesized, as well as the secreted proteins themselves, are particularly valuable as potential therapeutic agents. Such proteins are often involved in cell to cell communication and may be responsible for producing a clinically relevant response in their target cells.

In fact, several secretory proteins, including tissue plasminogen activator, G-CSF, GM-CSF, erythropoietin, human growth hormone, insulin, interferon- α , interferon- β , interferon- γ , and interleukin-2, are currently in clinical use. These proteins are used to treat a wide range of conditions, including acute myocardial infarction, acute ischemic stroke, anemia, diabetes, growth hormone deficiency, hepatitis, kidney carcinoma, chemotherapy induced neutropenia and multiple sclerosis. For these reasons, extended cDNAs encoding secreted proteins or portions thereof represent a particularly valuable source of therapeutic agents. Thus, there is a need for the identification and characterization of secreted proteins and the nucleic acids encoding them.

In addition to being therapeutically useful themselves, secretory proteins include short peptides, called signal peptides, at their amino termini which direct their secretion. These signal peptides are encoded by the signal sequences located at the 5' ends of the coding sequences of genes encoding secreted proteins. Because these signal peptides will direct the extracellular secretion of any protein to which they are operably linked, the signal sequences may be exploited to direct the efficient secretion of any protein by operably linking the signal sequences to a gene encoding the protein for which secretion is desired. This may prove beneficial in gene therapy strategies in which it is desired to deliver a particular gene product to cells other than the cell in which it is produced. Signal sequences encoding signal peptides also find

application in simplifying protein purification techniques. In such applications, the extracellular secretion of the desired protein greatly facilitates purification by reducing the number of undesired proteins from which the desired protein must be selected. Thus, there exists a need to identify and characterize the 5' portions of the genes for secretory proteins which encode signal peptides.

Public information on the number of human genes for which the promoters and upstream regulatory regions have been identified and characterized is quite limited. In part, this may be due to the difficulty of isolating such regulatory sequences. Upstream regulatory sequences such as transcription factor binding sites are typically too short to be utilized as probes for isolating promoters from human genomic libraries. Recently, some approaches have been developed to isolate human promoters. One of them consists of making a CpG island library (Cross, S.H. et al., Purification of CpG Islands using a Methylated DNA Binding Column, *Nature Genetics* 6: 236-244 (1994)). The second consists of isolating human genomic DNA sequences containing SpeI binding sites by the use of SpeI binding protein. (Mortlock et al., *Genome Res.* 6:327-335, 1996). Both of these approaches have their limits due to a lack of specificity or of comprehensiveness.

5' ESTs and extended cDNAs obtainable therefrom may be used to efficiently identify and isolate upstream regulatory regions which control the location, developmental stage, rate, and quantity of protein synthesis, as well as the stability of the mRNA. Theil et al., *BioFactors* 4:87-93 (1993). Once identified and characterized, these regulatory regions may be utilized in gene therapy or protein purification schemes to obtain the desired amount and locations of protein synthesis or to inhibit, reduce, or prevent the synthesis of undesirable gene products.

In addition, ESTs containing the 5' ends of secretory protein genes or extended cDNAs which include sequences adjacent to the sequences of the ESTs may include sequences useful as probes for chromosome mapping and the identification of individuals. Thus, there is a need to identify and characterize the sequences upstream of the 5' coding sequences of genes encoding secretory proteins.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to purified, isolated, or recombinant extended cDNAs which encode secreted proteins or fragments thereof. Preferably, the purified, isolated or recombinant cDNAs contain the entire open reading frame of their corresponding mRNAs, including a start codon and a stop codon. For example, the extended cDNAs may include nucleic acids encoding the signal peptide as well as the mature protein. Alternatively, the extended cDNAs may contain a fragment of the open reading frame. In some embodiments, the fragment may encode only the sequence of the mature protein. Alternatively, the fragment may encode only a portion of the mature protein. A further aspect of the present invention is a nucleic acid which encodes the signal peptide of a secreted protein.

The present extended cDNAs were obtained using ESTs which include sequences derived from the authentic 5' ends of their corresponding mRNAs. As used herein the terms "EST" or "5' EST" refer to the

short cDNAs which were used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention. As used herein, the term "extended cDNA" refers to the cDNAs which include sequences adjacent to the 5' EST used to obtain them. The extended cDNAs may contain all or a portion of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them. The term "corresponding mRNA" refers to the mRNA which was the template for the cDNA synthesis which produced the 5' EST. As used herein, the term "purified" does not require absolute purity; rather, it is intended as a relative definition. Individual extended cDNA clones isolated from a cDNA library have been conventionally purified to electrophoretic homogeneity. The sequences obtained from these clones could not be obtained directly either from the library or from total human DNA. The extended cDNA clones are not naturally occurring as such, but rather are obtained via manipulation of a partially purified naturally occurring substance (messenger RNA). The conversion of mRNA into a cDNA library involves the creation of a synthetic substance (cDNA) and pure individual cDNA clones can be isolated from the synthetic library by clonal selection. Thus, creating a cDNA library from messenger RNA and subsequently isolating individual clones from that library results in an approximately 10^4 - 10^6 fold purification of the native message. Purification of starting material or natural material to at least one order of magnitude, preferably two or three orders, and more preferably four or five orders of magnitude is expressly contemplated.

As used herein, the term "isolated" requires that the material be removed from its original environment (e.g., the natural environment if it is naturally occurring). For example, a naturally-occurring polynucleotide present in a living animal is not isolated, but the same polynucleotide, separated from some or all of the coexisting materials in the natural system, is isolated.

As used herein, the term "recombinant" means that the extended cDNA is adjacent to "backbone" nucleic acid to which it is not adjacent in its natural environment. Additionally, to be "enriched" the extended cDNAs will represent 5% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in a population of nucleic acid backbone molecules. Backbone molecules according to the present invention include nucleic acids such as expression vectors, self-replicating nucleic acids, viruses, integrating nucleic acids, and other vectors or nucleic acids used to maintain or manipulate a nucleic acid insert of interest. Preferably, the enriched extended cDNAs represent 15% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules. More preferably, the enriched extended cDNAs represent 50% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules. In a highly preferred embodiment, the enriched extended cDNAs represent 90% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules. "Stringent", "moderate," and "low" hybridization conditions are as defined in Example 29.

Unless otherwise indicated, a "complementary" sequence is fully complementary. Thus, extended cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof which are present in cDNA libraries in which one or more extended cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof make up 5% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the backbone molecules are "enriched recombinant extended cDNAs"

as defined herein. Likewise, extended cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof which are in a population of plasmids in which one or more extended cDNAs of the present invention have been inserted such that they represent 5% or more of the number of inserts in the plasmid backbone are "enriched recombinant extended cDNAs" as defined herein. However, extended cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof which are in cDNA libraries in which the extended cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof constitute less than 5% of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of backbone molecules, such as libraries in which backbone molecules having a cDNA insert encoding a secreted polypeptide are extremely rare, are not "enriched recombinant extended cDNAs."

In particular, the present invention relates to extended cDNAs which were derived from genes encoding secreted proteins. As used herein, a "secreted" protein is one which, when expressed in a suitable host cell, is transported across or through a membrane, including transport as a result of signal peptides in its amino acid sequence. "Secreted" proteins include without limitation proteins secreted wholly (e.g. soluble proteins), or partially (e.g. receptors) from the cell in which they are expressed. "Secreted" proteins also include without limitation proteins which are transported across the membrane of the endoplasmic reticulum.

Extended cDNAs encoding secreted proteins may include nucleic acid sequences, called signal sequences, which encode signal peptides which direct the extracellular secretion of the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs. Generally, the signal peptides are located at the amino termini of secreted proteins.

Secreted proteins are translated by ribosomes associated with the "rough" endoplasmic reticulum. Generally, secreted proteins are co-translationally transferred to the membrane of the endoplasmic reticulum. Association of the ribosome with the endoplasmic reticulum during translation of secreted proteins is mediated by the signal peptide. The signal peptide is typically cleaved following its co-translational entry into the endoplasmic reticulum. After delivery to the endoplasmic reticulum, secreted proteins may proceed through the Golgi apparatus. In the Golgi apparatus, the proteins may undergo post-translational modification before entering secretory vesicles which transport them across the cell membrane.

The extended cDNAs of the present invention have several important applications. For example, they may be used to express the entire secreted protein which they encode. Alternatively, they may be used to express portions of the secreted protein. The portions may comprise the signal peptides encoded by the extended cDNAs or the mature proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs (i.e. the proteins generated when the signal peptide is cleaved off). The portions may also comprise polypeptides having at least 10 consecutive amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs. Alternatively, the portions may comprise at least 15 consecutive amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs. In some embodiments, the portions may comprise at least 25 consecutive amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs. In other embodiments, the portions may comprise at least 40 amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs.

Antibodies which specifically recognize the entire secreted proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or fragments thereof having at least 10 consecutive amino acids, at least 15 consecutive amino

acids, at least 25 consecutive amino acids, or at least 40 consecutive amino acids may also be obtained as described below. Antibodies which specifically recognize the mature protein generated when the signal peptide is cleaved may also be obtained as described below. Similarly, antibodies which specifically recognize the signal peptides encoded by the extended cDNAs may also be obtained.

5 In some embodiments, the extended cDNAs include the signal sequence. In other embodiments, the extended cDNAs may include the full coding sequence for the mature protein (i.e. the protein generated when the signal polypeptide is cleaved off). In addition, the extended cDNAs may include regulatory regions upstream of the translation start site or downstream of the stop codon which control the amount, location, or developmental stage of gene expression. As discussed above, secreted proteins are
10 therapeutically important. Thus, the proteins expressed from the cDNAs may be useful in treating or controlling a variety of human conditions. The extended cDNAs may also be used to obtain the corresponding genomic DNA. The term "corresponding genomic DNA" refers to the genomic DNA which encodes mRNA which includes the sequence of one of the strands of the extended cDNA in which thymidine residues in the sequence of the extended cDNA are replaced by uracil residues in the mRNA.

15 The extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs obtained therefrom may be used in forensic procedures to identify individuals or in diagnostic procedures to identify individuals having genetic diseases resulting from abnormal expression of the genes corresponding to the extended cDNAs. In addition, the present invention is useful for constructing a high resolution map of the human chromosomes.

The present invention also relates to secretion vectors capable of directing the secretion of a protein
20 of interest. Such vectors may be used in gene therapy strategies in which it is desired to produce a gene product in one cell which is to be delivered to another location in the body. Secretion vectors may also facilitate the purification of desired proteins.

The present invention also relates to expression vectors capable of directing the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial or temporal manner or at a desired level. Such vectors may include
25 sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs such as promoters or upstream regulatory sequences.

In addition, the present invention may also be used for gene therapy to control or treat genetic diseases. Signal peptides may also be fused to heterologous proteins to direct their extracellular secretion.

One embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or a sequence complementary thereto. In one aspect of this
30 embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising at least 10 consecutive bases of the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or one of the sequences complementary thereto. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid comprises at least 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75, or 100 consecutive bases of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or one of the sequences
35 complementary thereto. The nucleic acid may be a recombinant nucleic acid.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid of at least 15

bases capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or a sequence complementary to one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

5 Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the full coding sequences of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, wherein the full coding sequence optionally comprises the sequence encoding signal peptide as well as the sequence encoding mature protein. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

A further embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode a mature protein. In one aspect of this
10 embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode the signal peptide. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a
15 polypeptide having the sequence of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having the sequence of a mature protein included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a
20 polypeptide having the sequence of a signal peptide included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated protein comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated polypeptide comprising at
25 least 10 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In one aspect of this embodiment, the purified or isolated polypeptide comprises at least 15, 20, 25, 35, 50, 75, 100, 150 or 200 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In still another aspect, the purified or isolated polypeptide comprises at least 25 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

30 Another embodiment of the present invention is an isolated or purified polypeptide comprising a signal peptide of one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is an isolated or purified polypeptide comprising a mature protein of one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

A further embodiment of the present invention is a method of making a protein comprising one of
35 the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 181-227, comprising the steps of obtaining a cDNA comprising one of the sequences of sequence of SEQ ID NO: 134-180, inserting the cDNA in an expression vector such that the

cDNA is operably linked to a promoter, and introducing the expression vector into a host cell whereby the host cell produces the protein encoded by said cDNA. In one aspect of this embodiment, the method further comprises the step of isolating the protein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a protein obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a method of making a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of the mature protein contained in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 181-227, comprising the steps of obtaining a cDNA comprising one of the nucleotides sequence of sequence of SEQ ID NO: 134-180 which encode for the mature protein, inserting the cDNA in an expression vector such that the cDNA is operably linked to a promoter, and introducing the expression vector into a host cell whereby the host cell produces the mature protein encoded by the cDNA. In one aspect of this embodiment, the method further comprises the step of isolating the protein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a mature protein obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or a sequence complementary thereto described herein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the full coding sequences of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, wherein the full coding sequence comprises the sequence encoding signal peptide and the sequence encoding mature protein described herein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode a mature protein which are described herein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode the signal peptide which are described herein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated antibody capable of specifically binding to a protein having the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In one aspect of this embodiment, the antibody is capable of binding to a polypeptide comprising at least 10 consecutive amino acids of the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

Another embodiment of the present invention is an array of cDNAs or fragments thereof of at least 15 nucleotides in length which includes at least one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, or one of the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, or a fragment thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides. In one aspect of this embodiment, the array includes at least two of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-

180, or fragments thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides. In another aspect of this embodiment, the array includes at least five of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, or fragments thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides.

A further embodiment of the invention encompasses purified polynucleotides comprising an
 5 insert from a clone deposited in ATCC accession No. 98619 or a fragment thereof comprising a contiguous span of at least 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 40, 60, 100, or 200 nucleotides of said insert. An additional embodiment of the invention encompasses purified polypeptides which comprise, consist of, or consist essentially of an amino acid sequence encoded by the insert from a clone deposited in ATCC accession No. 98619, as well as polypeptides which comprise a fragment of said amino acid sequence
 10 consisting of a signal peptide, a mature protein, or a contiguous span of at least 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 40, 60, 100, or 200 amino acids encoded by said insert.

An additional embodiment of the invention encompasses purified polypeptides which comprise a contiguous span of at least 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 40, 60, 100, or 200 amino acids of SEQ ID NOs: 185, 186, 191, 192, 200, 201, 213, 214, 215, or 227, wherein said contiguous span comprises at least one of the
 15 amino acid positions which was not shown to be identical to a public sequence in any of Figures 9 to 16. Also encompassed by the invention are purified polynucleotides encoding said polypeptides.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a summary of a procedure for obtaining cDNAs which have been selected to include the 5' ends of the mRNAs from which they are derived.

20 Figure 2 is an analysis of the 43 amino terminal amino acids of all human SwissProt proteins to determine the frequency of false positives and false negatives using the techniques for signal peptide identification described herein.

Figure 3 shows the distribution of von Heijne scores for 5' ESTs in each of the categories described herein and the probability that these 5' ESTs encode a signal peptide.

25 Figure 4 shows the distribution of 5' ESTs in each category and the number of 5' ESTs in each category having a given minimum von Heijne's score.

Figure 5 shows the tissues from which the mRNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs in each of the categories described herein were obtained.

Figure 6 is a map of pED6dpc2. PED6dpc2 is derived from pED6dpc1 by insertion of a new
 30 polylinker to facilitate cDNA cloning. SST cDNAs are cloned between EcoRI and NotI. PED vectors are described in Kaufman et al. (1991), NAR 19: 4485-4490.

Figure 7 provides a schematic description of the promoters isolated and the way they are assembled with the corresponding 5' tags.

Figure 8 describes the transcription factor binding sites present in each of these promoters.

35 Figure 9 depicts an amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NO: 214 and murine SH3BGRL (AF042081). Identities are shown by (:) and conservative substitutions by (.). Cell attachment motif (RGD) is in bold type and the proline rich region is underlined.

Figure 10 depicts a multiple amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NOs: 185 and 215, and murine MEK binding partner (AF082526). Positions conserved in all three proteins are indicated by (*).

Figure 11 depicts an amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NO: 186 and murine claudin-2 (AF072128). Identities are shown by (:) and conservative substitutions by (.).

Figure 12 depicts an amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NO: 213 and GMF- γ (AB001993). In the alignment present the translation starts at position 2 of SEQ ID NO: 166. The actual start methionine of SEQ ID NO: 213 appears to be at position 13. Identities are shown by (:) and conservative substitutions by (.).

Figure 13 depicts an amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NO: 191 and Derwent Protein Sequence Database Accession NO: W36955. Identities are shown by (:) and conservative substitutions by (.).

Figure 14 depicts an amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NO: 200 and human Ring zinc finger protein (AF037204). Amino acids defining an EGF-like domain are highlighted. The region defining an almost perfect Ring Finger domain is boxed. Identities are shown by (:) and conservative substitutions by (.).

Figure 15 depicts an amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NO: 192 and Y15286. Identities are shown by (:) and conservative substitutions by (.).

Figure 16 depicts a multiple amino acid alignment between SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227, and human stomatin (x85116). Positions conserved in all three proteins are indicated by (*). The amino acid sequences in SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227 differ in their N-terminal sequences: segment 1-76 (SEQ ID NO: 201) and segment 1-26 (SEQ ID NO: 227). The remainder of these 2 proteins are 99.5% identical. The band 7 protein family signature is boxed. The microbody C-terminal targeting signal appears in bold type.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

I. Obtaining 5' ESTs

The present extended cDNAs were obtained using 5' ESTs which were isolated as described below.

A. Chemical Methods for Obtaining mRNAs having Intact 5' Ends

In order to obtain the 5' ESTs used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention, mRNAs having intact 5' ends must be obtained. Currently, there are two approaches for obtaining such mRNAs.

One of these approaches is a chemical modification method involving derivatization of the 5' ends of the mRNAs and selection of the derivatized mRNAs. The 5' ends of eukaryotic mRNAs possess a structure referred to as a "cap" which comprises a guanosine methylated at the 7 position. The cap is joined to the first transcribed base of the mRNA by a 5', 5'-triphosphate bond. In some instances, the 5' guanosine is methylated in both the 2 and 7 positions. Rarely, the 5' guanosine is trimethylated at the 2, 7 and 7

positions. In the chemical method for obtaining mRNAs having intact 5' ends, the 5' cap is specifically derivatized and coupled to a reactive group on an immobilizing substrate. This specific derivatization is

based on the fact that only the ribose linked to the methylated guanosine at the 5' end of the mRNA and the ribose linked to the base at the 3' terminus of the mRNA, possess 2', 3'-cis diols. Optionally, where the 3' terminal ribose has a 2', 3'-cis diol, the 2', 3'-cis diol at the 3' end may be chemically modified, substituted, converted, or eliminated, leaving only the ribose linked to the methylated guanosine at the 5' end of the mRNA with a 2', 3'-cis diol. A variety of techniques are available for eliminating the 2', 3'-cis diol on the 3' terminal ribose. For example, controlled alkaline hydrolysis may be used to generate mRNA fragments in which the 3' terminal ribose is a 3'-phosphate, 2'-phosphate or (2', 3')-cyclophosphate. Thereafter, the fragment which includes the original 3' ribose may be eliminated from the mixture through chromatography on an oligo-dT column. Alternatively, a base which lacks the 2', 3'-cis diol may be added to the 3' end of the mRNA using an RNA ligase such as T4 RNA ligase. Example 1 below describes a method for ligation of pCp to the 3' end of messenger RNA.

EXAMPLE 1

Ligation of the Nucleoside Diphosphate pCp to the 3' End of Messenger RNA.

1 µg of RNA was incubated in a final reaction medium of 10 µl in the presence of 5 U of T₄ phage RNA ligase in the buffer provided by the manufacturer (Gibco - BRL), 40 U of the RNase inhibitor RNasin (Promega) and, 2 µl of ³²pCp (Amersham #PB 10208). The incubation was performed at 37°C for 2 hours or overnight at 7-8°C.

Following modification or elimination of the 2', 3'-cis diol at the 3' ribose, the 2', 3'-cis diol present at the 5' end of the mRNA may be oxidized using reagents such as NaBH₄, NaBH₃CN, or sodium periodate, thereby converting the 2', 3'-cis diol to a dialdehyde. Example 2 describes the oxidation of the 2', 3'-cis diol at the 5' end of the mRNA with sodium periodate.

EXAMPLE 2

Oxidation of 2', 3'-cis diol at the 5' End of the mRNA

0.1 OD unit of either a capped oligoribonucleotide of 47 nucleotides (including the cap) or an uncapped oligoribonucleotide of 46 nucleotides were treated as follows. The oligoribonucleotides were produced by in vitro transcription using the transcription kit "AmpliScribe T7" (Epicentre Technologies). As indicated below, the DNA template for the RNA transcript contained a single cytosine. To synthesize the uncapped RNA, all four NTPs were included in the in vitro transcription reaction. To obtain the capped RNA, GTP was replaced by an analogue of the cap, m⁷G(5')ppp(5')G. This compound, recognized by polymerase, was incorporated into the 5' end of the nascent transcript during the step of initiation of transcription but was not capable of incorporation during the extension step. Consequently, the resulting RNA contained a cap at its 5' end. The sequences of the oligoribonucleotides produced by the in vitro transcription reaction were:

+Cap:

5' m⁷GpppGCAUCCUACUCCCAUCCAAUCCACCCUAACUCCUCCCAUCUCCAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:1)

-Cap:

5'-pppGCAUCCUACUCCCAUCCAAUCCACCCUAACUCCUCCCAUCUCCAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:2)

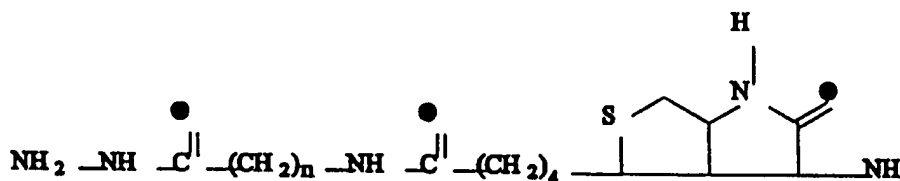
The oligoribonucleotides were dissolved in 9 μ l of acetate buffer (0.1 M sodium acetate, pH 5.2) and 3 μ l of freshly prepared 0.1 M sodium periodate solution. The mixture was incubated for 1 hour in the dark at 4°C or room temperature. Thereafter, the reaction was stopped by adding 4 μ l of 10% ethylene glycol. The product was ethanol precipitated, resuspended in 10 μ l or more of water or appropriate buffer and dialyzed against water.

The resulting aldehyde groups may then be coupled to molecules having a reactive amine group, such as hydrazine, carbazide, thiocarbazide or semicarbazide groups, in order to facilitate enrichment of the 5' ends of the mRNAs. Molecules having reactive amine groups which are suitable for use in selecting mRNAs having intact 5' ends include avidin, proteins, antibodies, vitamins, ligands capable of specifically binding to receptor molecules, or oligonucleotides. Example 3 below describes the coupling of the resulting dialdehyde to biotin.

EXAMPLE 3

Coupling of the Dialdehyde with Biotin

The oxidation product obtained in Example 2 was dissolved in 50 μ l of sodium acetate at a pH of between 5 and 5.2 and 50 μ l of freshly prepared 0.02 M solution of biotin hydrazide in a methoxyethanol/water mixture (1:1) of formula:



In the compound used in these experiments, n=5, and the solid black dots represent oxygen. However, it will be appreciated that other commercially available hydrazides may also be used, such as molecules of the formula above in which n varies from 0 to 5.

The mixture was then incubated for 2 hours at 37°C. Following the incubation, the mixture was precipitated with ethanol and dialyzed against distilled water.

Example 4 demonstrates the specificity of the biotinylation reaction.

EXAMPLE 4

Specificity of Biotinylation

The specificity of the biotinylation for capped mRNAs was evaluated by gel electrophoresis of the following samples:

Sample 1. The 46 nucleotide uncapped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2 and labeled with ^{32}pCp as described in Example 1.

Sample 2. The 46 nucleotide uncapped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2, labeled with ^{32}pCp as described in Example 1, treated with the oxidation reaction of Example 2, and subjected to the biotinylation conditions of Example 3.

Sample 3. The 47 nucleotide capped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2 and labeled with ^{32}pCp as described in Example 1.

Sample 4. The 47 nucleotide capped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2, labeled with ^{32}pCp as described in Example 1, treated with the oxidation reaction of Example 2, and subjected to the biotinylation conditions of Example 3.

Samples 1 and 2 had identical migration rates, demonstrating that the uncapped RNAs were not oxidized and biotinylated. Sample 3 migrated more slowly than Samples 1 and 2, while Sample 4 exhibited the slowest migration. The difference in migration of the RNAs in Samples 3 and 4 demonstrates that the capped RNAs were specifically biotinylated.

In some cases, mRNAs having intact 5' ends may be enriched by binding the molecule containing a reactive amine group to a suitable solid phase substrate such as the inside of the vessel containing the mRNAs, magnetic beads, chromatography matrices, or nylon or nitrocellulose membranes. For example, where the molecule having a reactive amine group is biotin, the solid phase substrate may be coupled to avidin or streptavidin. Alternatively, where the molecule having the reactive amine group is an antibody or receptor ligand, the solid phase substrate may be coupled to the cognate antigen or receptor. Finally, where the molecule having a reactive amine group comprises an oligonucleotide, the solid phase substrate may comprise a complementary oligonucleotide.

The mRNAs having intact 5' ends may be released from the solid phase following the enrichment procedure. For example, where the dialdehyde is coupled to biotin hydrazide and the solid phase comprises streptavidin, the mRNAs may be released from the solid phase by simply heating to 95 degrees Celsius in 2% SDS. In some methods, the molecule having a reactive amine group may also be cleaved from the mRNAs having intact 5' ends following enrichment. Example 5 describes the capture of biotinylated mRNAs with streptavidin coated beads and the release of the biotinylated mRNAs from the beads following enrichment.

EXAMPLE 5**Capture and Release of Biotinylated mRNAs Using Streptavidin Coated Beads**

The streptavidin-coated magnetic beads were prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions (CPG Inc., USA). The biotinylated mRNAs were added to a hybridization buffer (1.5 M NaCl, pH 5 - 6).

After incubating for 30 minutes, the unbound and nonbiotinylated material was removed. The beads were washed several times in water with 1% SDS. The beads obtained were incubated for 15 minutes at 95°C in water containing 2% SDS.

Example 6 demonstrates the efficiency with which biotinylated mRNAs were recovered from the streptavidin coated beads.

EXAMPLE 6**Efficiency of Recovery of Biotinylated mRNAs**

The efficiency of the recovery procedure was evaluated as follows. RNAs were labeled with ³²pCp, oxidized, biotinylated and bound to streptavidin coated beads as described above. Subsequently, the bound RNAs were incubated for 5, 15 or 30 minutes at 95°C in the presence of 2% SDS.

The products of the reaction were analyzed by electrophoresis on 12% polyacrylamide gels under denaturing conditions (7 M urea). The gels were subjected to autoradiography. During this manipulation, the hydrazone bonds were not reduced.

Increasing amounts of nucleic acids were recovered as incubation times in 2% SDS increased, demonstrating that biotinylated mRNAs were efficiently recovered.

In an alternative method for obtaining mRNAs having intact 5' ends, an oligonucleotide which has been derivatized to contain a reactive amine group is specifically coupled to mRNAs having an intact cap. Preferably, the 3' end of the mRNA is blocked prior to the step in which the aldehyde groups are joined to the derivatized oligonucleotide, as described above, so as to prevent the derivatized oligonucleotide from being joined to the 3' end of the mRNA. For example, pCp may be attached to the 3' end of the mRNA using T4 RNA ligase. However, as discussed above, blocking the 3' end of the mRNA is an optional step. Derivatized oligonucleotides may be prepared as described below in Example 7.

EXAMPLE 7**Derivatization of the Oligonucleotide**

An oligonucleotide phosphorylated at its 3' end was converted to a 3' hydrazide in 3' by treatment with an aqueous solution of hydrazine or of dihydrazide of the formula H₂N(R1)NH₂ at about 1 to 3 M, and at pH 4.5, in the presence of a carbodiimide type agent soluble in water such as 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide at a final concentration of 0.3 M at a temperature of 8°C overnight.

The derivatized oligonucleotide was then separated from the other agents and products using a standard technique for isolating oligonucleotides.

As discussed above, the mRNAs to be enriched may be treated to eliminate the 3' OH groups which may be present thereon. This may be accomplished by enzymatic ligation of sequences lacking a 3' OH, such as pCp, as described above in Example 1. Alternatively, the 3' OH groups may be eliminated by alkaline hydrolysis as described in Example 8 below.

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EXAMPLE 8

Alkaline Hydrolysis of mRNA

The mRNAs may be treated with alkaline hydrolysis as follows. In a total volume of 100 μ l of 0.1N sodium hydroxide, 1.5 μ g mRNA is incubated for 40 to 60 minutes at 4°C. The solution is neutralized with acetic acid and precipitated with ethanol.

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Following the optional elimination of the 3' OH groups, the diol groups at the 5' ends of the mRNAs are oxidized as described below in Example 9.

EXAMPLE 9

Oxidation of Diols

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Up to 1 OD unit of RNA was dissolved in 9 μ l of buffer (0.1 M sodium acetate, pH 6-7 or water) and 3 μ l of freshly prepared 0.1 M sodium periodate solution. The reaction was incubated for 1 h in the dark at 4°C or room temperature. Following the incubation, the reaction was stopped by adding 4 μ l of 10% ethylene glycol. Thereafter the mixture was incubated at room temperature for 15 minutes. After ethanol precipitation, the product was resuspended in 10 μ l or more of water or appropriate buffer and dialyzed against water.

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Following oxidation of the diol groups at the 5' ends of the mRNAs, the derivatized oligonucleotide was joined to the resulting aldehydes as described in Example 10.

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EXAMPLE 10

Reaction of Aldehydes with Derivatized Oligonucleotides

The oxidized mRNA was dissolved in an acidic medium such as 50 μ l of sodium acetate pH 4-6. 50 μ l of a solution of the derivatized oligonucleotide was added such that an mRNA:derivatized oligonucleotide ratio of 1:20 was obtained and mixture was reduced with a borohydride. The mixture was allowed to incubate for 2 h at 37°C or overnight (14 h) at 10°C. The mixture was ethanol precipitated, resuspended in 10 μ l or more of water or appropriate buffer and dialyzed against distilled water. If desired, the resulting product may be analyzed using acrylamide gel electrophoresis, HPLC analysis, or other conventional techniques.

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Following the attachment of the derivatized oligonucleotide to the mRNAs, a reverse transcription reaction may be performed as described in Example 11 below.

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EXAMPLE 11

Reverse Transcription of mRNAs

An oligodeoxyribonucleotide was derivatized as follows. 3 OD units of an oligodeoxyribonucleotide of sequence ATCAAGAATTCGCACGAGACCATTA (SEQ ID NO:3) having 5'-OH and 3'-P ends were dissolved in 70 μ l of a 1.5 M hydroxybenzotriazole solution, pH 5.3, prepared in dimethylformamide/water (75:25) containing 2 μ g of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide. The mixture was incubated for 2 h 30 min at 22°C. The mixture was then precipitated twice in LiClO₄/acetone. The pellet was resuspended in 200 μ l of 0.25 M hydrazine and incubated at 8°C from 3 to 14 h. Following the hydrazine reaction, the mixture was precipitated twice in LiClO₄/acetone.

The messenger RNAs to be reverse transcribed were extracted from blocks of placenta having sides of 2 cm which had been stored at -80°C. The mRNA was extracted using conventional acidic phenol techniques. Oligo-dT chromatography was used to purify the mRNAs. The integrity of the mRNAs was checked by Northern-blotting.

The diol groups on 7 μ g of the placental mRNAs were oxidized as described above in Example 9. The derivatized oligonucleotide was joined to the mRNAs as described in Example 10 above except that the precipitation step was replaced by an exclusion chromatography step to remove derivatized oligodeoxyribonucleotides which were not joined to mRNAs. Exclusion chromatography was performed as follows:

10 ml of AcA34 (BioSeptra#230151) gel were equilibrated in 50 ml of a solution of 10 mM Tris pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.05% SDS. The mixture was allowed to sediment. The supernatant was eliminated and the gel was resuspended in 50 ml of buffer. This procedure was repeated 2 or 3 times.

A glass bead (diameter 3 mm) was introduced into a 2 ml disposable pipette (length 25 cm). The pipette was filled with the gel suspension until the height of the gel stabilized at 1 cm from the top of the pipette. The column was then equilibrated with 20 ml of equilibration buffer (10 mM Tris HCl pH 7.4, 20 mM NaCl).

10 μ l of the mRNA which had been reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide were mixed in 39 μ l of 10 mM urea and 2 μ l of blue-glycerol buffer, which had been prepared by dissolving 5 mg of bromophenol blue in 60% glycerol (v/v), and passing the mixture through a filter with a filter of diameter 0.45 μ m.

The column was loaded. As soon as the sample had penetrated, equilibration buffer was added. 100 μ l fractions were collected. Derivatized oligonucleotide which had not been attached to mRNA appeared in fraction 16 and later fractions. Fractions 3 to 15 were combined and precipitated with ethanol.

The mRNAs which had been reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide were spotted on a nylon membrane and hybridized to a radioactive probe using conventional techniques. The radioactive probe used in these hybridizations was an oligodeoxyribonucleotide of sequence TAATGGTCTCGTGCGAATTCTTGAT (SEQ ID NO:4) which was anticomplementary to the derivatized

oligonucleotide and was labeled at its 5' end with ^{32}P . 1/10th of the mRNAs which had been reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide was spotted in two spots on the membrane and the membrane was visualized by autoradiography after hybridization of the probe. A signal was observed, indicating that the derivatized oligonucleotide had been joined to the mRNA.

The remaining 9/10 of the mRNAs which had been reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide was reverse transcribed as follows. A reverse transcription reaction was carried out with reverse transcriptase following the manufacturer's instructions. To prime the reaction, 50 pmol of nonamers with random sequence were used.

A portion of the resulting cDNA was spotted on a positively charged nylon membrane using conventional methods. The cDNAs were spotted on the membrane after the cDNA:RNA heteroduplexes had been subjected to an alkaline hydrolysis in order to eliminate the RNAs. An oligonucleotide having a sequence identical to that of the derivatized oligonucleotide was labeled at its 5' end with ^{32}P and hybridized to the cDNA blots using conventional techniques. Single-stranded cDNAs resulting from the reverse transcription reaction were spotted on the membrane. As controls, the blot contained 1 pmol, 100 fmol, 50 fmol, 10 fmol and 1 fmol respectively of a control oligodeoxyribonucleotide of sequence identical to that of the derivatized oligonucleotide. The signal observed in the spots containing the cDNA indicated that approximately 15 fmol of the derivatized oligonucleotide had been reverse transcribed.

These results demonstrate that the reverse transcription can be performed through the cap and, in particular, that reverse transcriptase crosses the 5'-P-P-P-5' bond of the cap of eukaryotic messenger RNAs.

The single stranded cDNAs obtained after the above first strand synthesis were used as template for PCR reactions. Two types of reactions were carried out. First, specific amplification of the mRNAs for the alpha globin, dehydrogenase, pp15 and elongation factor E4 were carried out using the following pairs of oligodeoxyribonucleotide primers.

alpha-globin

GLO-S: CCG ACA AGA CCA ACG TCA AGG CCG C (SEQ ID NO:5)

GLO-As: TCA CCA GCA GGC AGT GGC TTA GGA G 3' (SEQ ID NO:6)

dehydrogenase

3 DH-S: AGT GAT TCC TGC TAC TTT GGA TGG C (SEQ ID NO:7)

3 DH-As: GCT TGG TCT TGT TCT GGA GTT TAG A (SEQ ID NO:8)

pp15

PP15-S: TCC AGA ATG GGA GAC AAG CCA ATT T (SEQ ID NO:9)

PP15-As: AGG GAG GAG GAA ACA GCG TGA GTC C (SEQ ID NO:10)

Elongation factor E4

EFA1-S: ATG GGA AAG GAA AAG ACT CAT ATC A (SEQ ID NO:11)

EF1A-As: AGC AGC AAC AAT CAG GAC AGC ACA G (SEQ ID NO:12)

Non-specific amplifications were also carried out with the antisense (_As)

oligodeoxyribonucleotides of the pairs described above and a primer chosen from the sequence of the derivatized oligodeoxyribonucleotide (ATCAAGAATTTCGCACGAGACCATTA) (SEQ ID NO:13).

A 1.5% agarose gel containing the following samples corresponding to the PCR products of reverse transcription was stained with ethidium bromide. (1/20th of the products of reverse transcription were used for each PCR reaction).

Sample 1: The products of a PCR reaction using the globin primers of SEQ ID NOs 5 and 6 in the presence of cDNA.

Sample 2: The products of a PCR reaction using the globin primers of SEQ ID NOs 5 and 6 in the absence of added cDNA.

Sample 3: The products of a PCR reaction using the dehydrogenase primers of SEQ ID NOs 7 and 8 in the presence of cDNA.

Sample 4: The products of a PCR reaction using the dehydrogenase primers of SEQ ID NOs 7 and 8 in the absence of added cDNA.

Sample 5: The products of a PCR reaction using the pp15 primers of SEQ ID NOs 9 and 10 in the presence of cDNA.

Sample 6: The products of a PCR reaction using the pp15 primers of SEQ ID NOs 9 and 10 in the absence of added cDNA.

Sample 7: The products of a PCR reaction using the EIE4 primers of SEQ ID NOs 11 and 12 in the presence of added cDNA.

Sample 8: The products of a PCR reaction using the EIE4 primers of SEQ ID NOs 11 and 12 in the absence of added cDNA.

In Samples 1, 3, 5 and 7, a band of the size expected for the PCR product was observed, indicating the presence of the corresponding sequence in the cDNA population.

PCR reactions were also carried out with the antisense oligonucleotides of the globin and dehydrogenase primers (SEQ ID NOs 6 and 8) and an oligonucleotide whose sequence corresponds to that of the derivatized oligonucleotide. The presence of PCR products of the expected size in the samples corresponding to samples 1 and 3 above indicated that the derivatized oligonucleotide had been incorporated.

The above examples summarize the chemical procedure for enriching mRNAs for those having intact 5' ends. Further detail regarding the chemical approaches for obtaining mRNAs having intact 5' ends are disclosed in International Application No. WO96/34981, published November 7, 1996.

Strategies based on the above chemical modifications to the 5' cap structure may be utilized to generate cDNAs which have been selected to include the 5' ends of the mRNAs from which they are derived. In one version of such procedures, the 5' ends of the mRNAs are modified as described above.

Thereafter, a reverse transcription reaction is conducted to extend a primer complementary to the mRNA to the 5' end of the mRNA. Single stranded RNAs are eliminated to obtain a population of cDNA/mRNA

heteroduplexes in which the mRNA includes an intact 5' end. The resulting heteroduplexes may be captured on a solid phase coated with a molecule capable of interacting with the molecule used to derivatize the 5' end of the mRNA. Thereafter, the strands of the heteroduplexes are separated to recover single stranded first cDNA strands which include the 5' end of the mRNA. Second strand cDNA synthesis may then proceed using conventional techniques. For example, the procedures disclosed in WO 96/34981 or in Carninci, P. et al. High-Efficiency Full-Length cDNA Cloning by Biotinylated CAP Trapper. *Genomics* 37:327-336 (1996), may be employed to select cDNAs which include the sequence derived from the 5' end of the coding sequence of the mRNA.

Following ligation of the oligonucleotide tag to the 5' cap of the mRNA, a reverse transcription reaction is conducted to extend a primer complementary to the mRNA to the 5' end of the mRNA. Following elimination of the RNA component of the resulting heteroduplex using standard techniques, second strand cDNA synthesis is conducted with a primer complementary to the oligonucleotide tag.

Figure 1 summarizes the above procedures for obtaining cDNAs which have been selected to include the 5' ends of the mRNAs from which they are derived.

B. Enzymatic Methods for Obtaining mRNAs having Intact 5' Ends

Other techniques for selecting cDNAs extending to the 5' end of the mRNA from which they are derived are fully enzymatic. Some versions of these techniques are disclosed in Dumas Milne-Edwards J.B. (Doctoral Thesis of Paris VI University, Le clonage des ADNc complets: difficultes et perspectives nouvelles. Apports pour l'etude de la regulation de l'expression de la tryptophane hydroxylase de rat, 20 Dec. 1993), EP0 625572 and Kato et al. Construction of a Human Full-Length cDNA Bank. *Gene* 150:243-250 (1994).

Briefly, in such approaches, isolated mRNA is treated with alkaline phosphatase to remove the phosphate groups present on the 5' ends of uncapped incomplete mRNAs. Following this procedure, the cap present on full length mRNAs is enzymatically removed with a decapping enzyme such as T4 polynucleotide kinase or tobacco acid pyrophosphatase. An oligonucleotide, which may be either a DNA oligonucleotide or a DNA-RNA hybrid oligonucleotide having RNA at its 3' end, is then ligated to the phosphate present at the 5' end of the decapped mRNA using T4 RNA ligase. The oligonucleotide may include a restriction site to facilitate cloning of the cDNAs following their synthesis. Example 12 below describes one enzymatic method based on the doctoral thesis of Dumas.

EXAMPLE 12

Enzymatic Approach for Obtaining 5' ESTs

Twenty micrograms of PolyA+ RNA were dephosphorylated using Calf Intestinal Phosphatase (Biolabs). After a phenol chloroform extraction, the cap structure of mRNA was hydrolyzed using the Tobacco Acid Pyrophosphatase (purified as described by Shinshi et al., *Biochemistry* 15: 2185-2190, 1976) and a hemi 5'DNA/RNA-3' oligonucleotide having an unphosphorylated 5' end, a stretch of adenosine

ribophosphate at the 3' end, and an EcoRI site near the 5' end was ligated to the 5'P ends of mRNA using the T4 RNA ligase (Biolabs). Oligonucleotides suitable for use in this procedure are preferably 30-50 bases in length. Oligonucleotides having an unphosphorylated 5' end may be synthesized by adding a fluorochrome at the 5' end. The inclusion of a stretch of adenosine ribophosphates at the 3' end of the oligonucleotide increases ligation efficiency. It will be appreciated that the oligonucleotide may contain cloning sites other than EcoRI.

Following ligation of the oligonucleotide to the phosphate present at the 5' end of the decapped mRNA, first and second strand cDNA synthesis may be carried out using conventional methods or those specified in EP0 625,572 and Kato et al. Construction of a Human Full-Length cDNA Bank. *Gene* 150:243-250 (1994), and Dumas Milne-Edwards, *supra*. The resulting cDNA may then be ligated into vectors such as those disclosed in Kato et al. Construction of a Human Full-Length cDNA Bank. *Gene* 150:243-250 (1994) or other nucleic acid vectors known to those skilled in the art using techniques such as those described in Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual* 2d Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989).

II. Characterization of 5' ESTs

The above chemical and enzymatic approaches for enriching mRNAs having intact 5' ends were employed to obtain 5' ESTs. First, mRNAs were prepared as described in Example 13 below.

EXAMPLE 13

Preparation of mRNA

Total human RNAs or PolyA+ RNAs derived from 29 different tissues were respectively purchased from LABIMO and CLONTECH and used to generate 44 cDNA libraries as described below. The purchased RNA had been isolated from cells or tissues using acid guanidium thiocyanate-phenol-chloroform extraction (Chomczynski, P and Sacchi, N., *Analytical Biochemistry* 162:156-159, 1987). PolyA+ RNA was isolated from total RNA (LABIMO) by two passes of oligodT chromatography, as described by Aviv and Leder (Aviv, H. and Leder, P., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 69:1408-1412, 1972) in order to eliminate ribosomal RNA.

The quality and the integrity of the poly A+ were checked. Northern blots hybridized with a globin probe were used to confirm that the mRNAs were not degraded. Contamination of the PolyA+ mRNAs by ribosomal sequences was checked using RNAs blots and a probe derived from the sequence of the 28S RNA. Preparations of mRNAs with less than 5% of ribosomal RNAs were used in library construction. To avoid constructing libraries with RNAs contaminated by exogenous sequences (prokaryotic or fungal), the presence of bacterial 16S ribosomal sequences or of two highly expressed mRNAs was examined using PCR.

Following preparation of the mRNAs, the above described chemical and/or the enzymatic procedures for enriching mRNAs having intact 5' ends discussed above were employed to obtain 5' ESTs

from various tissues. In both approaches an oligonucleotide tag was attached to the cap at the 5' ends of the mRNAs. The oligonucleotide tag had an EcoRI site therein to facilitate later cloning procedures.

Following attachment of the oligonucleotide tag to the mRNA by either the chemical or enzymatic methods, the integrity of the mRNA was examined by performing a Northern blot with 200-500ng of mRNA using a probe complementary to the oligonucleotide tag.

EXAMPLE 14

cDNA Synthesis Using mRNA Templates Having Intact 5' Ends

For the mRNAs joined to oligonucleotide tags using both the chemical and enzymatic methods, first strand cDNA synthesis was performed with reverse transcriptase using random nonamers as primers. In order to protect internal EcoRI sites in the cDNA from digestion at later steps in the procedure, methylated dCTP was used for first strand synthesis. After removal of RNA by an alkaline hydrolysis, the first strand of cDNA was precipitated using isopropanol in order to eliminate residual primers.

For both the chemical and the enzymatic methods, synthesis of the second strand of the cDNA is conducted as follows. After removal of RNA by alkaline hydrolysis, the first strand of cDNA is precipitated using isopropanol in order to eliminate residual primers. The second strand of the cDNA was synthesized with Klenow using a primer corresponding to the 5' end of the ligated oligonucleotide described in Example 12. Preferably, the primer is 20-25 bases in length. Methylated dCTP was also used for second strand synthesis in order to protect internal EcoRI sites in the cDNA from digestion during the cloning process.

Following cDNA synthesis, the cDNAs were cloned into pBlueScript as described in Example 15 below.

EXAMPLE 15

Insertion of cDNAs into BlueScript

Following second strand synthesis, the ends of the cDNA were blunted with T4 DNA polymerase (Biolabs) and the cDNA was digested with EcoRI. Since methylated dCTP was used during cDNA synthesis, the EcoRI site present in the tag was the only site which was hemi-methylated. Consequently, only the EcoRI site in the oligonucleotide tag was susceptible to EcoRI digestion. The cDNA was then size fractionated using exclusion chromatography (AcA, Biosepra). Fractions corresponding to cDNAs of more than 150 bp were pooled and ethanol precipitated. The cDNA was directionally cloned into the SmaI and EcoRI ends of the phagemid pBlueScript vector (Stratagene). The ligation mixture was electroporated into bacteria and propagated under appropriate antibiotic selection.

Clones containing the oligonucleotide tag attached were selected as described in Example 16 below.

EXAMPLE 16

Selection of Clones Having the Oligonucleotide Tag Attached Thereto

The plasmid DNAs containing 5' EST libraries made as described above were purified (Qiagen). A positive selection of the tagged clones was performed as follows. Briefly, in this selection procedure, the plasmid DNA was converted to single stranded DNA using gene II endonuclease of the phage F1 in combination with an exonuclease (Chang *et al.*, *Gene* 127:95-8, (1993)) such as exonuclease III or T7 gene 6 exonuclease. The resulting single stranded DNA was then purified using paramagnetic beads as described by Fry *et al.*, *Biotechniques*, 13: 124-131 (1992). In this procedure, the single stranded DNA was hybridized with a biotinylated oligonucleotide having a sequence corresponding to the 3' end of the oligonucleotide described in Example 13. Preferably, the primer has a length of 20-25 bases. Clones including a sequence complementary to the biotinylated oligonucleotide were captured by incubation with streptavidin coated magnetic beads followed by magnetic selection. After capture of the positive clones, the plasmid DNA was released from the magnetic beads and converted into double stranded DNA using a DNA polymerase such as the ThermoSequenase obtained from Amersham Pharmacia Biotech. Alternatively, protocols such as the Gene Trapper kit (Gibco BRL) may be used. The double stranded DNA was then electroporated into bacteria. The percentage of positive clones having the 5' tag oligonucleotide was estimated to typically rank between 90 and 98% using dot blot analysis.

Following electroporation, the libraries were ordered in 384-microtiter plates (MTP). A copy of the MTP was stored for future needs. Then the libraries were transferred into 96 MTP and sequenced as described below.

EXAMPLE 17

Sequencing of Inserts in Selected Clones

Plasmid inserts were first amplified by PCR on PE 9600 thermocyclers (Perkin-Elmer), using standard SETA-A and SETA-B primers (Genset SA), AmpliTaqGold (Perkin-Elmer), dNTPs (Boehringer), buffer and cycling conditions as recommended by the Perkin-Elmer Corporation.

PCR products were then sequenced using automatic ABI Prism 377 sequencers (Perkin Elmer, Applied Biosystems Division, Foster City, CA). Sequencing reactions were performed using PE 9600 thermocyclers (Perkin Elmer) with standard dye-primer chemistry and ThermoSequenase (Amersham Life Science). The primers used were either T7 or 21M13 (available from Genset SA) as appropriate. The primers were labeled with the JOE, FAM, ROX and TAMRA dyes. The dNTPs and ddNTPs used in the sequencing reactions were purchased from Boehringer. Sequencing buffer, reagent concentrations and cycling conditions were as recommended by Amersham.

Following the sequencing reaction, the samples were precipitated with EtOH, resuspended in formamide loading buffer, and loaded on a standard 4% acrylamide gel. Electrophoresis was performed for 2.5 hours at 3000V on an ABI 377 sequencer, and the sequence data were collected and analyzed using the

ABI Prism DNA Sequencing Analysis Software, version 2.1.2.

The sequence data from the 44 cDNA libraries made as described above were transferred to a proprietary database, where quality control and validation steps were performed. A proprietary base-caller ("Trace"), working using a Unix system automatically flagged suspect peaks, taking into account the shape of the peaks, the inter-peak resolution, and the noise level. The proprietary base-caller also performed an automatic trimming. Any stretch of 25 or fewer bases having more than 4 suspect peaks was considered unreliable and was discarded. Sequences corresponding to cloning vector or ligation oligonucleotides were automatically removed from the EST sequences. However, the resulting EST sequences may contain 1 to 5 bases belonging to the above mentioned sequences at their 5' end. If needed, these can easily be removed on a case by case basis.

Thereafter, the sequences were transferred to the proprietary NETGENE™ Database for further analysis as described below.

Following sequencing as described above, the sequences of the 5' ESTs were entered in a proprietary database called NETGENE™ for storage and manipulation. It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the data could be stored and manipulated on any medium which can be read and accessed by a computer. Computer readable media include magnetically readable media, optically readable media, or electronically readable media. For example, the computer readable media may be a hard disc, a floppy disc, a magnetic tape, CD-ROM, RAM, or ROM as well as other types of other media known to those skilled in the art.

In addition, the sequence data may be stored and manipulated in a variety of data processor programs in a variety of formats. For example, the sequence data may be stored as text in a word processing file, such as Microsoft WORD or WORDPERFECT or as an ASCII file in a variety of database programs familiar to those of skill in the art, such as DB2, SYBASE, or ORACLE.

The computer readable media on which the sequence information is stored may be in a personal computer, a network, a server or other computer systems known to those skilled in the art. The computer or other system preferably includes the storage media described above, and a processor for accessing and manipulating the sequence data.

Once the sequence data has been stored it may be manipulated and searched to locate those stored sequences which contain a desired nucleic acid sequence or which encode a protein having a particular functional domain. For example, the stored sequence information may be compared to other known sequences to identify homologies, motifs implicated in biological function, or structural motifs.

Programs which may be used to search or compare the stored sequences include the MacPattern (EMBL), BLAST, and BLAST2 program series (NCBI), basic local alignment search tool programs for nucleotide (BLASTN) and peptide (BLASTX) comparisons (Altschul et al, *J. Mol. Biol.* 215: 403 (1990)) and FASTA (Pearson and Lipman, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 85: 2444 (1988)). The BLAST programs then extend the alignments on the basis of defined match and mismatch criteria.

Motifs which may be detected using the above programs include sequences encoding leucine zippers, helix-turn-helix motifs, glycosylation sites, ubiquitination sites, alpha helices, and beta sheets, signal sequences encoding signal peptides which direct the secretion of the encoded proteins, sequences implicated in transcription regulation such as homeoboxes, acidic stretches, enzymatic active sites, substrate binding sites, and enzymatic cleavage sites.

Before searching the cDNAs in the NETGENE™ database for sequence motifs of interest, cDNAs derived from mRNAs which were not of interest were identified and eliminated from further consideration as described in Example 18 below.

EXAMPLE 18

Elimination of Undesired Sequences from Further Consideration

5' ESTs in the NETGENE™ database which were derived from undesired sequences such as transfer RNAs, ribosomal RNAs, mitochondrial RNAs, procaryotic RNAs, fungal RNAs, Alu sequences, L1 sequences, or repeat sequences were identified using the FASTA and BLASTN programs with the parameters listed in Table I.

To eliminate 5' ESTs encoding tRNAs from further consideration, the 5' EST sequences were compared to the sequences of 1190 known tRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 100 were human. The comparison was performed using FASTA on both strands of the 5' ESTs. Sequences having more than 80% homology over more than 60 nucleotides were identified as tRNA. Of the 144,341 sequences screened, 26 were identified as tRNAs and eliminated from further consideration.

To eliminate 5' ESTs encoding rRNAs from further consideration, the 5' EST sequences were compared to the sequences of 2497 known rRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 73 were human. The comparison was performed using BLASTN on both strands of the 5' ESTs with the parameter S=108. Sequences having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides were identified as rRNAs. Of the 144,341 sequences screened, 3,312 were identified as rRNAs and eliminated from further consideration.

To eliminate 5' ESTs encoding mtRNAs from further consideration, the 5' EST sequences were compared to the sequences of the two known mitochondrial genomes for which the entire genomic sequences are available and all sequences transcribed from these mitochondrial genomes including tRNAs, rRNAs, and mRNAs for a total of 38 sequences. The comparison was performed using BLASTN on both strands of the 5' ESTs with the parameter S=108. Sequences having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides were identified as mtRNAs. Of the 144,341 sequences screened, 6,110 were identified as mtRNAs and eliminated from further consideration.

Sequences which might have resulted from exogenous contaminants were eliminated from further consideration by comparing the 5' EST sequences to release 46 of the EMBL bacterial and fungal divisions using BLASTN with the parameter S=144. All sequences having more than 90% homology over at least 40

nucleotides were identified as exogenous contaminants. Of the 42 cDNA libraries examined, the average percentages of procaryotic and fungal sequences contained therein were 0.2% and 0.5% respectively. Among these sequences, only one could be identified as a sequence specific to fungi. The others were either fungal or procaryotic sequences having homologies with vertebrate sequences or including repeat sequences which had not been masked during the electronic comparison.

In addition, the 5' ESTs were compared to 6093 Alu sequences and 1115 L1 sequences to mask 5' ESTs containing such repeat sequences from further consideration. 5' ESTs including THE and MER repeats, SSTR sequences or satellite, micro-satellite, or telomeric repeats were also eliminated from further consideration. On average, 11.5% of the sequences in the libraries contained repeat sequences. Of this 11.5%, 7% contained Alu repeats, 3.3% contained L1 repeats and the remaining 1.2% were derived from the other types of repetitive sequences which were screened. These percentages are consistent with those found in cDNA libraries prepared by other groups. For example, the cDNA libraries of Adams et al. contained between 0% and 7.4% Alu repeats depending on the source of the RNA which was used to prepare the cDNA library (Adams et al., *Nature* 377:174, 1996).

The sequences of those 5' ESTs remaining after the elimination of undesirable sequences were compared with the sequences of known human mRNAs to determine the accuracy of the sequencing procedures described above.

EXAMPLE 19

Measurement of Sequencing Accuracy by Comparison to Known Sequences

To further determine the accuracy of the sequencing procedure described above, the sequences of 5' ESTs derived from known sequences were identified and compared to the known sequences. First, a FASTA analysis with overhangs shorter than 5 bp on both ends was conducted on the 5' ESTs to identify those matching an entry in the public human mRNA database. The 6655 5' ESTs which matched a known human mRNA were then realigned with their cognate mRNA and dynamic programming was used to include substitutions, insertions, and deletions in the list of "errors" which would be recognized. Errors occurring in the last 10 bases of the 5' EST sequences were ignored to avoid the inclusion of spurious cloning sites in the analysis of sequencing accuracy.

This analysis revealed that the sequences incorporated in the NETGENE™ database had an accuracy of more than 99.5%.

To determine the efficiency with which the above selection procedures select cDNAs which include the 5' ends of their corresponding mRNAs, the following analysis was performed.

EXAMPLE 20

Determination of Efficiency of 5' EST Selection

To determine the efficiency at which the above selection procedures isolated 5' ESTs which

included sequences close to the 5' end of the mRNAs from which they were derived, the sequences of the ends of the 5' ESTs which were derived from the elongation factor 1 subunit α and ferritin heavy chain genes were compared to the known cDNA sequences for these genes. Since the transcription start sites for the elongation factor 1 subunit α and ferritin heavy chain are well characterized, they may be used to determine the percentage of 5' ESTs derived from these genes which included the authentic transcription start sites.

For both genes, more than 95% of the cDNAs included sequences close to or upstream of the 5' end of the corresponding mRNAs.

To extend the analysis of the reliability of the procedures for isolating 5' ESTs from ESTs in the NETGENE™ database, a similar analysis was conducted using a database composed of human mRNA sequences extracted from GenBank database release 97 for comparison. For those 5' ESTs derived from mRNAs included in the GeneBank database, more than 85% had their 5' ends close to the 5' ends of the known sequence. As some of the mRNA sequences available in the GenBank database are deduced from genomic sequences, a 5' end matching with these sequences will be counted as an internal match. Thus, the method used here underestimates the yield of ESTs including the authentic 5' ends of their corresponding mRNAs.

The EST libraries made above included multiple 5' ESTs derived from the same mRNA. The sequences of such 5' ESTs were compared to one another and the longest 5' ESTs for each mRNA were identified. Overlapping cDNAs were assembled into continuous sequences (contigs). The resulting continuous sequences were then compared to public databases to gauge their similarity to known sequences, as described in Example 21 below.

EXAMPLE 21

Clustering of the 5' ESTs and Calculation of Novelty Indices for cDNA Libraries

For each sequenced EST library, the sequences were clustered by the 5' end. Each sequence in the library was compared to the others with BLASTN2 (direct strand, parameters S=107). ESTs with High Scoring Segment Pairs (HSPs) at least 25 bp long, having 95% identical bases and beginning closer than 10 bp from each EST 5' end were grouped. The longest sequence found in the cluster was used as representative of the cluster. A global clustering between libraries was then performed leading to the definition of super-contigs.

To assess the yield of new sequences within the EST libraries, a novelty rate (NR) was defined as: $NR = 100 \times (\text{Number of new unique sequences found in the library} / \text{Total number of sequences from the library})$. Typically, novelty rating range between 10% and 41% depending on the tissue from which the EST library was obtained. For most of the libraries, the random sequencing of 5' EST libraries was pursued until the novelty rate reached 20%.

Following characterization as described above, the collection of 5' ESTs in NETGENE™ was

screened to identify those 5' ESTs bearing potential signal sequences as described in Example 22 below.

EXAMPLE 22

Identification of Potential Signal Sequences in 5' ESTs

5 The 5' ESTs in the NETGENE™ database were screened to identify those having an uninterrupted open reading frame (ORF) longer than 45 nucleotides beginning with an ATG codon and extending to the end of the EST. Approximately half of the cDNA sequences in NETGENE™ contained such an ORF. The ORFs of these 5' ESTs were searched to identify potential signal motifs using slight modifications of the procedures disclosed in Von Heijne, G. A New Method for Predicting Signal Sequence Cleavage Sites.
10 *Nucleic Acids Res.* 14:4683-4690 (1986). Those 5' EST sequences encoding a 15 amino acid long stretch with a score of at least 3.5 in the Von Heijne signal peptide identification matrix were considered to possess a signal sequence. Those 5' ESTs which matched a known human mRNA or EST sequence and had a 5' end more than 20 nucleotides downstream of the known 5' end were excluded from further analysis. The remaining cDNAs having signal sequences therein were included in a database called SIGNALTAG™.

15 To confirm the accuracy of the above method for identifying signal sequences, the analysis of Example 23 was performed.

EXAMPLE 23

Confirmation of Accuracy of Identification of Potential Signal Sequences in 5' ESTs

20 The accuracy of the above procedure for identifying signal sequences encoding signal peptides was evaluated by applying the method to the 43 amino terminal amino acids of all human SwissProt proteins. The computed Von Heijne score for each protein was compared with the known characterization of the protein as being a secreted protein or a non-secreted protein. In this manner, the number of non-secreted proteins having a score higher than 3.5 (false positives) and the number of secreted proteins having a score
25 lower than 3.5 (false negatives) could be calculated.

Using the results of the above analysis, the probability that a peptide encoded by the 5' region of the mRNA is in fact a genuine signal peptide based on its Von Heijne's score was calculated based on either the assumption that 10% of human proteins are secreted or the assumption that 20% of human proteins are secreted. The results of this analysis are shown in Figures 2 and 3.

30 Using the above method of identifying secretory proteins, 5' ESTs for human glucagon, gamma interferon induced monokine precursor, secreted cyclophilin-like protein, human pleiotropin, and human biotinidase precursor all of which are polypeptides which are known to be secreted, were obtained. Thus, the above method successfully identified those 5' ESTs which encode a signal peptide.

To confirm that the signal peptide encoded by the 5' ESTs actually functions as a signal peptide, the
35 signal sequences from the 5' ESTs may be cloned into a vector designed for the identification of signal peptides. Some signal peptide identification vectors are designed to confer the ability to grow in selective

medium on host cells which have a signal sequence operably inserted into the vector. For example, to confirm that a 5' EST encodes a genuine signal peptide, the signal sequence of the 5' EST may be inserted upstream and in frame with a non-secreted form of the yeast invertase gene in signal peptide selection vectors such as those described in U.S. Patent No. 5,536,637. Growth of host cells containing signal sequence selection vectors having the signal sequence from the 5' EST inserted therein confirms that the 5' EST encodes a genuine signal peptide.

Alternatively, the presence of a signal peptide may be confirmed by cloning the extended cDNAs obtained using the ESTs into expression vectors such as pXT1 (as described below), or by constructing promoter-signal sequence-reporter gene vectors which encode fusion proteins between the signal peptide and an assayable reporter protein. After introduction of these vectors into a suitable host cell, such as COS cells or NIH 3T3 cells, the growth medium may be harvested and analyzed for the presence of the secreted protein. The medium from these cells is compared to the medium from cells containing vectors lacking the signal sequence or extended cDNA insert to identify vectors which encode a functional signal peptide or an authentic secreted protein.

Those 5' ESTs which encoded a signal peptide, as determined by the method of Example 22 above, were further grouped into four categories based on their homology to known sequences. The categorization of the 5' ESTs is described in Example 24 below.

EXAMPLE 24

Categorization of 5' ESTs Encoding a Signal Peptide

Those 5' ESTs having a sequence not matching any known vertebrate sequence nor any publicly available EST sequence were designated "new." Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 947 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category.

Those 5' ESTs having a sequence not matching any vertebrate sequence but matching a publicly known EST were designated "EST-ext", provided that the known EST sequence was extended by at least 40 nucleotides in the 5' direction. Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 150 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category.

Those ESTs not matching any vertebrate sequence but matching a publicly known EST without extending the known EST by at least 40 nucleotides in the 5' direction were designated "EST." Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 599 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category.

Those 5' ESTs matching a human mRNA sequence but extending the known sequence by at least 40 nucleotides in the 5' direction were designated "VERT-ext." Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 23 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category. Included in this category was a 5' EST which extended the known sequence of the human translocase mRNA by more than 200 bases in the 5' direction. A 5' EST which extended the sequence of a human tumor suppressor

gene in the 5' direction was also identified.

Figure 4 shows the distribution of 5' ESTs in each category and the number of 5' ESTs in each category having a given minimum von Heijne's score.

Each of the 5' ESTs was categorized based on the tissue from which its corresponding mRNA was obtained, as described below in Example 25.

EXAMPLE 25

Categorization of Expression Patterns

Figure 5 shows the tissues from which the mRNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs in each of the above described categories were obtained.

In addition to categorizing the 5' ESTs by the tissue from which the cDNA library in which they were first identified was obtained, the spatial and temporal expression patterns of the mRNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs, as well as their expression levels, may be determined as described in Example 26 below. Characterization of the spatial and temporal expression patterns and expression levels of these mRNAs is useful for constructing expression vectors capable of producing a desired level of gene product in a desired spatial or temporal manner, as will be discussed in more detail below.

In addition, 5' ESTs whose corresponding mRNAs are associated with disease states may also be identified. For example, a particular disease may result from lack of expression, over expression, or under expression of an mRNA corresponding to a 5' EST. By comparing mRNA expression patterns and quantities in samples taken from healthy individuals with those from individuals suffering from a particular disease, 5' ESTs responsible for the disease may be identified.

It will be appreciated that the results of the above characterization procedures for 5' ESTs also apply to extended cDNAs (obtainable as described below) which contain sequences adjacent to the 5' ESTs. It will also be appreciated that if it is desired to defer characterization until extended cDNAs have been obtained rather than characterizing the ESTs themselves, the above characterization procedures can be applied to characterize the extended cDNAs after their isolation.

EXAMPLE 26

Evaluation of Expression Levels and Patterns of mRNAs

Corresponding to 5' ESTs or Extended cDNAs

Expression levels and patterns of mRNAs corresponding to 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs (obtainable as described below) may be analyzed by solution hybridization with long probes as described in International Patent Application No. WO 97/05277. Briefly, a 5' EST, extended cDNA, or fragment thereof corresponding to the gene encoding the mRNA to be characterized is inserted at a cloning site immediately downstream of a bacteriophage (T3, T7 or SP6) RNA polymerase promoter to produce antisense RNA. Preferably, the 5' EST or extended cDNA has 100 or more nucleotides. The plasmid is linearized and

transcribed in the presence of ribonucleotides comprising modified ribonucleotides (i.e. biotin-UTP and DIG-UTP). An excess of this doubly labeled RNA is hybridized in solution with mRNA isolated from cells or tissues of interest. The hybridizations are performed under standard stringent conditions (40-50°C for 16 hours in an 80% formamide, 0.4 M NaCl buffer, pH 7-8). The unhybridized probe is removed by digestion with ribonucleases specific for single-stranded RNA (i.e. RNases CL3, T1, Phy M, U2 or A). The presence of the biotin-UTP modification enables capture of the hybrid on a microtitration plate coated with streptavidin. The presence of the DIG modification enables the hybrid to be detected and quantified by ELISA using an anti-DIG antibody coupled to alkaline phosphatase.

The 5' ESTs, extended cDNAs, or fragments thereof may also be tagged with nucleotide sequences for the serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE) as disclosed in UK Patent Application No. 2,305,241 A. In this method, cDNAs are prepared from a cell, tissue, organism or other source of nucleic acid for which it is desired to determine gene expression patterns. The resulting cDNAs are separated into two pools. The cDNAs in each pool are cleaved with a first restriction endonuclease, called an "anchoring enzyme," having a recognition site which is likely to be present at least once in most cDNAs. The fragments which contain the 5' or 3' most region of the cleaved cDNA are isolated by binding to a capture medium such as streptavidin coated beads. A first oligonucleotide linker having a first sequence for hybridization of an amplification primer and an internal restriction site for a "tagging endonuclease" is ligated to the digested cDNAs in the first pool. Digestion with the second endonuclease produces short "tag" fragments from the cDNAs.

A second oligonucleotide having a second sequence for hybridization of an amplification primer and an internal restriction site is ligated to the digested cDNAs in the second pool. The cDNA fragments in the second pool are also digested with the "tagging endonuclease" to generate short "tag" fragments derived from the cDNAs in the second pool. The "tags" resulting from digestion of the first and second pools with the anchoring enzyme and the tagging endonuclease are ligated to one another to produce "ditags." In some embodiments, the ditags are concatamerized to produce ligation products containing from 2 to 200 ditags. The tag sequences are then determined and compared to the sequences of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs to determine which 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs are expressed in the cell, tissue, organism, or other source of nucleic acids from which the tags were derived. In this way, the expression pattern of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs in the cell, tissue, organism, or other source of nucleic acids is obtained.

Quantitative analysis of gene expression may also be performed using arrays. As used herein, the term array means a one dimensional, two dimensional, or multidimensional arrangement of full length cDNAs (i.e. extended cDNAs which include the coding sequence for the signal peptide, the coding sequence for the mature protein, and a stop codon), extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs or fragments of the full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, or 5' ESTs of sufficient length to permit specific detection of gene expression. Preferably, the fragments are at least 15 nucleotides in length. More preferably, the fragments are at least 100 nucleotides in length. More preferably, the fragments are more than 100 nucleotides in

length. In some embodiments the fragments may be more than 500 nucleotides in length.

For example, quantitative analysis of gene expression may be performed with full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs, or fragments thereof in a complementary DNA microarray as described by Schena et al. *Science* 270:467-470, 1995; *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 93:10614-10619 (1996). Full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs or fragments thereof are amplified by PCR and arrayed from 96-well microtiter plates onto silylated microscope slides using high-speed robotics. Printed arrays are incubated in a humid chamber to allow rehydration of the array elements and rinsed, once in 0.2% SDS for 1 min, twice in water for 1 min and once for 5 min in sodium borohydride solution. The arrays are submerged in water for 2 min at 95°C, transferred into 0.2% SDS for 1 min, rinsed twice with water, air dried and stored in the dark at 25°C.

Cell or tissue mRNA is isolated or commercially obtained and probes are prepared by a single round of reverse transcription. Probes are hybridized to 1 cm² microarrays under a 14 x 14 mm glass coverslip for 6-12 hours at 60°C. Arrays are washed for 5 min at 25°C in low stringency wash buffer (1 x SSC/0.2% SDS), then for 10 min at room temperature in high stringency wash buffer (0.1 x SSC/0.2% SDS). Arrays are scanned in 0.1 x SSC using a fluorescence laser scanning device fitted with a custom filter set. Accurate differential expression measurements are obtained by taking the average of the ratios of two independent hybridizations.

Quantitative analysis of the expression of genes may also be performed with full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs, or fragments thereof in complementary DNA arrays as described by Pietu et al. *Genome Research* 6:492-503 (1996). The full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs or fragments thereof are PCR amplified and spotted on membranes. Then, mRNAs originating from various tissues or cells are labeled with radioactive nucleotides. After hybridization and washing in controlled conditions, the hybridized mRNAs are detected by phospho-imaging or autoradiography. Duplicate experiments are performed and a quantitative analysis of differentially expressed mRNAs is then performed.

Alternatively, expression analysis of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs can be done through high density nucleotide arrays as described by Lockhart et al. *Nature Biotechnology* 14: 1675-1680, 1996. and Sosnowsky et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 94:1119-1123, 1997. Oligonucleotides of 15-50 nucleotides corresponding to sequences of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs are synthesized directly on the chip (Lockhart et al., *supra*) or synthesized and then addressed to the chip (Sosnowski et al., *supra*). Preferably, the oligonucleotides are about 20 nucleotides in length.

cDNA probes labeled with an appropriate compound, such as biotin, digoxigenin or fluorescent dye, are synthesized from the appropriate mRNA population and then randomly fragmented to an average size of 50 to 100 nucleotides. The said probes are then hybridized to the chip. After washing as described in Lockhart et al., *supra* and application of different electric fields (Sosnowsky et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 94:1119-1123), the dyes or labeling compounds are detected and quantified. Duplicate hybridizations are performed. Comparative analysis of the intensity of the signal originating from cDNA probes on the same

target oligonucleotide in different cDNA samples indicates a differential expression of the mRNA corresponding to the 5' EST or extended cDNA from which the oligonucleotide sequence has been designed.

III. Use of 5' EST's to Clone Extended cDNAs and to Clone the Corresponding Genomic DNAs

Once 5' ESTs which include the 5' end of the corresponding mRNAs have been selected using the procedures described above, they can be utilized to isolate extended cDNAs which contain sequences adjacent to the 5' EST's. The extended cDNAs may include the entire coding sequence of the protein encoded by the corresponding mRNA, including the authentic translation start site, the signal sequence, and the sequence encoding the mature protein remaining after cleavage of the signal peptide. Such extended cDNAs are referred to herein as "full length cDNAs." Alternatively, the extended cDNAs may include only the sequence encoding the mature protein remaining after cleavage of the signal peptide, or only the sequence encoding the signal peptide.

Example 27 below describes a general method for obtaining extended cDNAs. Example 28 below describes the cloning and sequencing of several extended cDNAs, including extended cDNAs which include the entire coding sequence and authentic 5' end of the corresponding mRNA for several secreted proteins.

The methods of Examples 27, 28, and 29 can also be used to obtain extended cDNAs which encode less than the entire coding sequence of the secreted proteins encoded by the genes corresponding to the 5' ESTs. In some embodiments, the extended cDNAs isolated using these methods encode at least 10 amino acids of one of the proteins encoded by the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. In further embodiments, the extended cDNAs encode at least 20 amino acids of the proteins encoded by the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. In further embodiments, the extended cDNAs encode at least 30 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. In a preferred embodiment, the extended cDNAs encode a full length protein sequence, which includes the protein coding sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180.

EXAMPLE 27

General Method for Using 5' ESTs to Clone and Sequence Extended cDNAs which Include the Entire Coding Region and the Authentic 5' End of the Corresponding mRNA

The following general method has been used to quickly and efficiently isolate extended cDNAs including sequence adjacent to the sequences of the 5' ESTs used to obtain them. This method may be applied to obtain extended cDNAs for any 5' EST in the NetGene™ database, including those 5' ESTs encoding secreted proteins. The method is summarized in figure 6.

1. Obtaining Extended cDNAs

a) First strand synthesis

The method takes advantage of the known 5' sequence of the mRNA. A reverse transcription reaction is conducted on purified mRNA with a poly 14dT primer containing a 49 nucleotide sequence at its 5' end allowing the addition of a known sequence at the end of the cDNA which corresponds to the 3' end of

the mRNA. For example, the primer may have the following sequence: 5'-ATC GTT GAG ACT CGT ACC AGC AGA GTC ACG AGA GAG ACT ACA CGG TAC TGG TTT TTT TTT TTT TTVN -3' (SEQ ID NO:14). Those skilled in the art will appreciate that other sequences may also be added to the poly dT sequence and used to prime the first strand synthesis. Using this primer and a reverse transcriptase such as the Superscript II (Gibco BRL) or Rnase H Minus M-MLV (Promega) enzyme, a reverse transcript anchored at the 3' polyA site of the RNAs is generated.

After removal of the mRNA hybridized to the first cDNA strand by alkaline hydrolysis, the products of the alkaline hydrolysis and the residual poly dT primer are eliminated with an exclusion column such as an AcA34 (Biosepra) matrix as explained in Example 11.

b) Second strand synthesis

A pair of nested primers on each end is designed based on the known 5' sequence from the 5' EST and the known 3' end added by the poly dT primer used in the first strand synthesis. Softwares used to design primers are either based on GC content and melting temperatures of oligonucleotides, such as OSP (Illier and Green, *PCR Meth. Appl.* 1:124-128, 1991), or based on the octamer frequency disparity method (Griffais et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 19: 3887-3891, 1991 such as PC-Rare (<http://bioinformatics.weizmann.ac.il/software/PC-Rare/doc/manuel.html>)).

Preferably, the nested primers at the 5' end are separated from one another by four to nine bases. The 5' primer sequences may be selected to have melting temperatures and specificities suitable for use in PCR.

Preferably, the nested primers at the 3' end are separated from one another by four to nine bases. For example, the nested 3' primers may have the following sequences: (5'- CCA GCA GAG TCA CGA GAG AGA CTA CAC GG -3'(SEQ ID NO:15), and 5'- CAC GAG AGA GAC TAC ACG GTA CTG G -3' (SEQ ID NO:16). These primers were selected because they have melting temperatures and specificities compatible with their use in PCR. However, those skilled in the art will appreciate that other sequences may also be used as primers.

The first PCR run of 25 cycles is performed using the Advantage Tth Polymerase Mix (Clontech) and the outer primer from each of the nested pairs. A second 20 cycle PCR using the same enzyme and the inner primer from each of the nested pairs is then performed on 1/2500 of the first PCR product. Thereafter, the primers and nucleotides are removed.

2. Sequencing of Full Length Extended cDNAs or Fragments Thereof

Due to the lack of position constraints on the design of 5' nested primers compatible for PCR use using the OSP software, amplicons of two types are obtained. Preferably, the second 5' primer is located upstream of the translation initiation codon thus yielding a nested PCR product containing the whole coding sequence. Such a full length extended cDNA undergoes a direct cloning procedure as described in section a. However, in some cases, the second 5' primer is located downstream of the translation initiation codon, thereby yielding a PCR product containing only part of the ORF. Such incomplete PCR products are

submitted to a modified procedure described in section b.

a) Nested PCR products containing complete ORFs

When the resulting nested PCR product contains the complete coding sequence, as predicted from the 5'EST sequence, it is cloned in an appropriate vector such as pED6dpc2, as described in section 3.

b) Nested PCR products containing incomplete ORFs

When the amplicon does not contain the complete coding sequence, intermediate steps are necessary to obtain both the complete coding sequence and a PCR product containing the full coding sequence. The complete coding sequence can be assembled from several partial sequences determined directly from different PCR products as described in the following section.

Once the full coding sequence has been completely determined, new primers compatible for PCR use are designed to obtain amplicons containing the whole coding region. However, in such cases, 3' primers compatible for PCR use are located inside the 3' UTR of the corresponding mRNA, thus yielding amplicons which lack part of this region, i.e. the polyA tract and sometimes the polyadenylation signal, as illustrated in figure 6. Such full length extended cDNAs are then cloned into an appropriate vector as described in section 3.

c) Sequencing extended cDNAs

Sequencing of extended cDNAs is performed using a Die Terminator approach with the AmpliTaq DNA polymerase FS kit available from Perkin Elmer.

In order to sequence PCR fragments, primer walking is performed using software such as OSP to choose primers and automated computer software such as ASMG (Sutton et al., *Genome Science Technol.* 1: 9-19, 1995) to construct contigs of walking sequences including the initial 5' tag using minimum overlaps of 32 nucleotides. Preferably, primer walking is performed until the sequences of full length cDNAs are obtained.

Completion of the sequencing of a given extended cDNA fragment is assessed as follows. Since sequences located after a polyA tract are difficult to determine precisely in the case of uncloned products, sequencing and primer walking processes for PCR products are interrupted when a polyA tract is identified in extended cDNAs obtained as described in case b. The sequence length is compared to the size of the nested PCR product obtained as described above. Due to the limited accuracy of the determination of the PCR product size by gel electrophoresis, a sequence is considered complete if the size of the obtained sequence is at least 70 % the size of the first nested PCR product. If the length of the sequence determined from the computer analysis is not at least 70% of the length of the nested PCR product, these PCR products are cloned and the sequence of the insertion is determined. When Northern blot data are available, the size of the mRNA detected for a given PCR product is used to finally assess that the sequence is complete. Sequences which do not fulfill the above criteria are discarded and will undergo a new isolation procedure.

Sequence data of all extended cDNAs are then transferred to a proprietary database, where quality controls and validation steps are carried out as described in example 15.

3. Cloning of Full Length Extended cDNAs

The PCR product containing the full coding sequence is then cloned in an appropriate vector. For example, the extended cDNAs can be cloned into the expression vector pED6dpc2 (DiscoverEase, Genetics Institute, Cambridge, MA) as follows. The structure of pED6dpc2 is shown in Figure 7. pED6dpc2 vector DNA is prepared with blunt ends by performing an EcoRI digestion followed by a fill in reaction. The blunt ended vector is dephosphorylated. After removal of PCR primers and ethanol precipitation, the PCR product containing the full coding sequence or the extended cDNA obtained as described above is phosphorylated with a kinase subsequently removed by phenol-Sevag extraction and precipitation. The double stranded extended cDNA is then ligated to the vector and the resulting expression plasmid introduced into appropriate host cells.

Since the PCR products obtained as described above are blunt ended molecules that can be cloned in either direction, the orientation of several clones for each PCR product is determined. Then, 4 to 10 clones are ordered in microtiter plates and subjected to a PCR reaction using a first primer located in the vector close to the cloning site and a second primer located in the portion of the extended cDNA corresponding to the 3' end of the mRNA. This second primer may be the antisense primer used in anchored PCR in the case of direct cloning (case a) or the antisense primer located inside the 3'UTR in the case of indirect cloning (case b). Clones in which the start codon of the extended cDNA is operably linked to the promoter in the vector so as to permit expression of the protein encoded by the extended cDNA are conserved and sequenced. In addition to the ends of cDNA inserts, approximately 50 bp of vector DNA on each side of the cDNA insert are also sequenced.

The cloned PCR products are then entirely sequenced according to the aforementioned procedure. In this case, contig assembly of long fragments is then performed on walking sequences that have already contigated for uncloned PCR products during primer walking. Sequencing of cloned amplicons is complete when the resulting contigs include the whole coding region as well as overlapping sequences with vector DNA on both ends.

4. Computer Analysis of Full Length Extended cDNA

Sequences of all full length extended cDNAs are then submitted to further analysis as described below and using the parameters found in Table I with the following modifications. For screening of miscellaneous subdivisions of Genbank, FASTA was used instead of BLASTN and 15 nucleotide of homology was the limit instead of 17. For Alu detection, BLASTN was used with the following parameters: S=72; identity=70%; and length = 40 nucleotides. Polyadenylation signal and polyA tail which were not search for the 5' ESTs were searched. For polyadenylation signal detection the signal (AATAAA) was searched with one permissible mismatch in the last ten nucleotides preceding the 5' end of the polyA. For the polyA, a stretch of 8 amino acids in the last 20 nucleotides of the sequence was searched with BLAST2N in the sense strand with the following parameters (W=6, S=10, E=1000, and identity=90%).

Finally, patented sequences and ORF homologies were searched using, respectively, BLASTN and BLASTP on GenSEQ (Derwent's database of patented nucleotide sequences) and SWISSPROT for ORFs with the following parameters (W=8 and B=10). Before examining the extended full length cDNAs for sequences of interest, extended cDNAs which are not of interest are searched as follows.

5 a) Elimination of undesired sequences

Although 5'ESTs were checked to remove contaminants sequences as described in Example 18, a last verification was carried out to identify extended cDNAs sequences derived from undesired sequences such as vector RNAs, transfer RNAs, ribosomal rRNAs, mitochondrial RNAs, prokaryotic RNAs and fungal RNAs using the FASTA and BLASTN programs on both strands of extended cDNAs as described below.

10 To identify the extended cDNAs encoding vector RNAs, extended cDNAs are compared to the known sequences of vector RNA using the FASTA program. Sequences of extended cDNAs with more than 90% homology over stretches of 15 nucleotides are identified as vector RNA.

To identify the extended cDNAs encoding tRNAs, extended cDNA sequences were compared to the sequences of 1190 known tRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 100 were human.

15 Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 80% homology over 60 nucleotides using FASTA were identified as tRNA.

To identify the extended cDNAs encoding rRNAs, extended cDNA sequences were compared to the sequences of 2497 known rRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 73 were human. Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides using BLASTN were identified as rRNAs.

20 To identify the extended cDNAs encoding mtRNAs, extended cDNA sequences were compared to the sequences of the two known mitochondrial genomes for which the entire genomic sequences are available and all sequences transcribed from these mitochondrial genomes including tRNAs, rRNAs, and mRNAs for a total of 38 sequences. Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides using BLASTN were identified as mtRNAs.

Sequences which might have resulted from other exogenous contaminants were identified by comparing extended cDNA sequences to release 105 of Genbank bacterial and fungal divisions. Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 90% homology over 40 nucleotides using BLASTN were identified as exogenous prokaryotic or fungal contaminants.

30 In addition, extended cDNAs were searched for different repeat sequences, including Alu sequences, L1 sequences, THE and MER repeats, SSTR sequences or satellite, micro-satellite, or telomeric repeats. Sequences of extended cDNAs with more than 70% homology over 40 nucleotide stretches using BLASTN were identified as repeat sequences and masked in further identification procedures. In addition, clones showing extensive homology to repeats, i.e., matches of either more than 35 50 nucleotides if the homology was at least 75% or more than 40 nucleotides if the homology was at least 85% or more than 30 nucleotides if the homology was at least 90%, were flagged.

b) Identification of structural features

Structural features, e.g. polyA tail and polyadenylation signal, of the sequences of full length extended cDNAs are subsequently determined as follows.

A polyA tail is defined as a homopolymeric stretch of at least 11 A with at most one alternative base within it. The polyA tail search is restricted to the last 20 nt of the sequence and limited to stretches of 11 consecutive A's because sequencing reactions are often not readable after such a polyA stretch. Stretches with 100% homology over 6 nucleotides are identified as polyA tails.

To search for a polyadenylation signal, the polyA tail is clipped from the full-length sequence. The 50 bp preceding the polyA tail are searched for the canonic polyadenylation AAUAAA signal allowing one mismatch to account for possible sequencing errors and known variation in the canonical sequence of the polyadenylation signal.

c) Identification of functional features

Functional features, e.g. ORFs and signal sequences, of the sequences of full length extended cDNAs were subsequently determined as follows.

The 3 upper strand frames of extended cDNAs are searched for ORFs defined as the maximum length fragments beginning with a translation initiation codon and ending with a stop codon. ORFs encoding at least 20 amino acids are preferred.

Each found ORF is then scanned for the presence of a signal peptide in the first 50 amino-acids or, where appropriate, within shorter regions down to 20 amino acids or less in the ORF, using the matrix method of von Heijne (Nuc. Acids Res. 14: 4683-4690 (1986)), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference and the modification described in Example 22.

d) Homology to either nucleotidic or proteic sequences

Sequences of full length extended cDNAs are then compared to known sequences on a nucleotidic or proteic basis.

Sequences of full length extended cDNAs are compared to the following known nucleic acid sequences: vertebrate sequences (Genbank release # GB), EST sequences (Genbank release # GB), patented sequences (Genseqn release GSEQ) and recently identified sequences (Genbank daily release) available at the time of filing. Full length cDNA sequences are also compared to the sequences of a private database (Genset internal sequences) in order to find sequences that have already been identified by applicants.

Sequences of full length extended cDNAs with more than 90% homology over 30 nucleotides using either BLASTN or BLAST2N as indicated in Table II are identified as sequences that have already been described. Matching vertebrate sequences are subsequently examined using FASTA; full length extended cDNAs with more than 70% homology over 30 nucleotides are identified as sequences that have already been described.

ORFs encoded by full length extended cDNAs as defined in section c) are subsequently compared to known amino acid sequences found in Swissprot release CHP, PIR release PIR# and Genpept release

GPEPI public databases using BLASTP with the parameter W=8 and allowing a maximum of 10 matches. Sequences of full length extended cDNAs showing extensive homology to known protein sequences are recognized as already identified proteins.

In addition, the three-frame conceptual translation products of the top strand of full length extended cDNAs are compared to publicly known amino acid sequences of Swissprot using BLASTX with the parameter E=0.001. Sequences of full length extended cDNAs with more than 70% homology over 30 amino acid stretches are detected as already identified proteins.

5. Selection of Cloned Full Length Sequences of the Present Invention

Cloned full length extended cDNA sequences that have already been characterized by the aforementioned computer analysis are then submitted to an automatic procedure in order to preselect full length extended cDNAs containing sequences of interest.

a) Automatic sequence preselection

All complete cloned full length extended cDNAs clipped for vector on both ends are considered. First, a negative selection is operated in order to eliminate unwanted cloned sequences resulting from either contaminants or PCR artifacts as follows. Sequences matching contaminant sequences such as vector RNA, tRNA, mtRNA, rRNA sequences are discarded as well as those encoding ORF sequences exhibiting extensive homology to repeats as defined in section 4 a). Sequences obtained by direct cloning using nested primers on 5' and 3' tags (section 1. case a) but lacking polyA tail are discarded. Only ORFs containing a signal peptide and ending either before the polyA tail (case a) or before the end of the cloned 3'UTR (case b) are kept. Then, ORFs containing unlikely mature proteins such as mature proteins which size is less than 20 amino acids or less than 25% of the immature protein size are eliminated.

In the selection of the ORF, priority was given to the ORF and the frame corresponding to the polypeptides described in SignalTag Patents (United States Patent Application Serial Nos: 08/905,223; 08/905,135; 08/905,051; 08/905,144; 08/905,279; 08/904,468; 08/905,134; and 08/905,133). If the ORF was not found among the ORFs described in the SignalTag Patents, the ORF encoding the signal peptide with the highest score according to Von Heijne method as defined in Example 22 was chosen. If the scores were identical, then the longest ORF was chosen.

Sequences of full length extended cDNA clones are then compared pairwise with BLAST after masking of the repeat sequences. Sequences containing at least 90% homology over 30 nucleotides are clustered in the same class. Each cluster is then subjected to a cluster analysis that detects sequences resulting from internal priming or from alternative splicing, identical sequences or sequences with several frameshifts. This automatic analysis serves as a basis for manual selection of the sequences.

b) Manual sequence selection

Manual selection is carried out using automatically generated reports for each sequenced full length extended cDNA clone. During this manual procedures, a selection is operated between clones belonging to the same class as follows. ORF sequences encoded by clones belonging to the same class are aligned and

compared. If the homology between nucleotidic sequences of clones belonging to the same class is more than 90% over 30 nucleotide stretches or if the homology between amino acid sequences of clones belonging to the same class is more than 80% over 20 amino acid stretches, then the clones are considered as being identical. The chosen ORF is the best one according to the criteria mentioned below. If the nucleotide and amino acid homologies are less than 90% and 80% respectively, the clones are said to encode distinct proteins which can be both selected if they contain sequences of interest.

Selection of full length extended cDNA clones encoding sequences of interest is performed using the following criteria. Structural parameters (initial tag, polyadenylation site and signal) are first checked. Then, homologies with known nucleic acids and proteins are examined in order to determine whether the clone sequence match a known nucleic/proteic sequence and, in the latter case, its covering rate and the date at which the sequence became public. If there is no extensive match with sequences other than ESTs or genomic DNA, or if the clone sequence brings substantial new information, such as encoding a protein resulting from alternative slicing of an mRNA coding for an already known protein, the sequence is kept. Examples of such cloned full length extended cDNAs containing sequences of interest are described in Example 28. Sequences resulting from chimera or double inserts as assessed by homology to other sequences are discarded during this procedure.

EXAMPLE 28

Cloning and Sequencing of Extended cDNAs

The procedure described in Example 27 above was used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention. Using this approach, the full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:17 was obtained. This cDNA falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide MKKVLLLITAILAVAVG (SEQ ID NO: 18) having a von Heijne score of 8.2.

The full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:49 was also obtained using this procedure. This cDNA falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide MWWFQQGLSFLPSALVIWTSA (SEQ ID NO:20) having a von Heijne score of 5.5.

Another full length cDNA obtained using the procedure described above has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:21. This cDNA, falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide MVLTTLP SANSANSPVNMPTTGPNLSYASSALSPCLT (SEQ ID NO:22) having a von Heijne score of 5.9.

The above procedure was also used to obtain a full length cDNA having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:23. This cDNA falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide ILSTVTALTFAXA (SEQ ID NO:24) having a von Heijne score of 5.5.

The full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:25 was also obtained using this procedure. This cDNA falls into the "new" category described above and encodes a signal peptide LVLTLCTLPLAVA (SEQ ID NO:26) having a von Heijne score of 10.1.

The full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:27 was also obtained using this procedure. This cDNA falls into the "new" category described above and encodes a signal peptide LWLLFFLVTAIHA (SEQ ID NO:28) having a von Heijne score of 10.7.

The above procedures were also used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention. 5' ESTs expressed in a variety of tissues were obtained as described above. The appended sequence listing provides the tissues from which the extended cDNAs were obtained. It will be appreciated that the extended cDNAs may also be expressed in tissues other than the tissue listed in the sequence listing.

5' ESTs obtained as described above were used to obtain extended cDNAs having the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-86. Table II provides the sequence identification numbers of the extended cDNAs of the present invention, the locations of the full coding sequences in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 (i.e. the nucleotides encoding both the signal peptide and the mature protein, listed under the heading FCS location in Table II), the locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 which encode the signal peptides (listed under the heading SigPep Location in Table II), the locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 which encode the mature proteins generated by cleavage of the signal peptides (listed under the heading Mature Polypeptide Location in Table II), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 of stop codons (listed under the heading Stop Codon Location in Table II), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 of polyA signals (listed under the heading Poly A Signal Location in Table II) and the locations of polyA sites (listed under the heading Poly A Site Location in Table II).

The polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs were screened for the presence of known structural or functional motifs or for the presence of signatures, small amino acid sequences which are well conserved amongst the members of a protein family. The conserved regions have been used to derive consensus patterns or matrices included in the PROSITE data bank, in particular in the file prosite.dat (Release 13.0 of November 1995, located at <http://expasy.hcuge.ch/sprot/prosite.html>. Prosite_convert and prosite_scan programs (http://ulrec3.unil.ch/ftpserveur/prosite_scan) were used to find signatures on the extended cDNAs.

For each pattern obtained with the prosite_convert program from the prosite.dat file, the accuracy of the detection on a new protein sequence has been tested by evaluating the frequency of irrelevant hits on the population of human secreted proteins included in the data bank SWISSPROT. The ratio between the number of hits on shuffled proteins (with a window size of 20 amino acids) and the number of hits on native (unshuffled) proteins was used as an index. Every pattern for which the ration was greater than 20% (one hit on shuffled proteins for 5 hits on native proteins) was skipped during the search with prosite_scan. The program used to shuffle protein sequences (db_shuffled) and the program used to determine the statistics for each pattern in the protein data banks (prosite_statistics) are available on the ftp site http://ulrec3.unil.ch/ftpserveur/prosite_scan.

The results of the search are provided in Table III. The first column provides the ID number of the sequence. The second column indicates the beginning and end positions of the signature. The Prosite

definition of the signature is indicated in the third column.

Table IV lists the sequence identification numbers of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133, the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 in the full length polypeptide (second column), the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 in the signal peptides (third column), and the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 in the mature polypeptide created by cleaving the signal peptide from the full length polypeptide (fourth column). In Table IV, the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1. In the appended sequence listing, the first amino acid of the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1 and the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated with the appropriate negative number, in accordance with the regulations governing sequence listings.

The extended cDNAs of the present invention were categorized based on their homology to known sequences. Genebank release #103, division ESTs, and Geneseq release #28 were used to scan the extended cDNAs using Blast. For each extended cDNA ID, the covering rate of the sequence by another sequence was determined as follows. The length in nucleotides of the matching segment was calculated (even when gaps were present) and divided by the length in nucleotides of the extended cDNA sequence. When more than one covering rate was obtained for a given extended cDNA, the higher covering rate was used to classify the extended cDNA. The Geneseq sequences have been categorized as either ESTs or vertebrate, with ESTs being those sequences obtained by random sequencing of cDNA libraries and vertebrate sequences being those sequences containing sequences resembling known functional motifs.

The results of this categorization are provided in Table V. The first column lists the sequence identification number of the sequence being categorized. The second column indicates those sequences having no matches with the database scanned. The third column indicates those sequences having a covering rate of less than 30%. The fourth column indicates those sequences having a covering rate greater than 30%. The fifth column indicates sequences partially or totally covered by vertebrate sequences as described above.

The nucleotide sequences of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 and 134-180, and the amino acid sequences encoded by SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 and 134-180 (i.e. amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 and 181-227) are provided in the appended sequence listing. In some instances, the sequences are preliminary and may include some incorrect or ambiguous sequences or amino acids. The sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 and 134-180 can readily be screened for any errors therein and any sequence ambiguities can be resolved by resequencing a fragment containing such errors or ambiguities on both strands. Nucleic acid fragments for resolving sequencing errors or ambiguities may be obtained from the deposited clones or can be isolated using the techniques described herein. Resolution of any such ambiguities or errors may be facilitated by using primers which hybridize to sequences located close to the ambiguous or erroneous sequences. For example, the primers may hybridize to sequences within 50-75 bases of the ambiguity or error. Upon resolution of an error or ambiguity, the corresponding corrections can be made in the protein

sequences encoded by the DNA containing the error or ambiguity. The amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by a particular clone can also be determined by expression of the clone in a suitable host cell, collecting the protein, and determining its sequence.

For each amino acid sequence, Applicants have identified what they have determined to be the reading frame best identifiable with sequence information available at the time of filing. Some of the amino acid sequences may contain "Xaa" designators. These "Xaa" designators indicate either (1) a residue which cannot be identified because of nucleotide sequence ambiguity or (2) a stop codon in the determined sequence where Applicants believe one should not exist (if the sequence were determined more accurately).

Cells containing the 47 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 134-180) of the present invention in the vector pED6dpc2, are maintained in permanent deposit by the inventors at Genset, S.A., 24 Rue Royale, 75008 Paris, France.

A pool of the cells containing the 47 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 134-180), from which the cells containing a particular polynucleotide is obtainable, will be deposited with the American Type Culture Collection. Each extended cDNA clone will be transfected into separate bacterial cells (E-coli) in this composite deposit. A pool of cells containing the 43 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 134, 136-143, 145-162, 164-174, and 176-180), from which the cells containing a particular polynucleotide is obtainable, were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on December 16, 1997, under the name SignalTag 1-43, and ATCC accession No. 98619. A pool of cells comprising the 2 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 144 and 163), from which the cells containing a particular polynucleotide is obtainable, were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on October 15, 1998, under the name SignalTag 44-66, and ATCC accession No. 98923. Each extended cDNA can be removed from the pED6dpc2 vector in which it was deposited by performing a NotI, PstI double digestion to produce the appropriate fragment for each clone. The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs may also be expressed from the promoter in pED6dpc2.

Bacterial cells containing a particular clone can be obtained from the composite deposit as follows:

An oligonucleotide probe or probes should be designed to the sequence that is known for that particular clone. This sequence can be derived from the sequences provided herein, or from a combination of those sequences. The design of the oligonucleotide probe should preferably follow these parameters:

(a) It should be designed to an area of the sequence which has the fewest ambiguous bases ("N's"), if any;

(b) Preferably, the probe is designed to have a T_m of approx. 80°C (assuming 2 degrees for each A or T and 4 degrees for each G or C). However, probes having melting temperatures between 40 °C and 80 °C may also be used provided that specificity is not lost.

The oligonucleotide should preferably be labeled with γ -³²PATP (specific activity 6000 Ci/mmmole) and T4 polynucleotide kinase using commonly employed techniques for labeling oligonucleotides. Other labeling techniques can also be used. Unincorporated label should preferably be removed by gel filtration chromatography or other established methods. The amount of radioactivity incorporated into the probe

should be quantified by measurement in a scintillation counter. Preferably, specific activity of the resulting probe should be approximately 4×10^6 dpm/pmole.

The bacterial culture containing the pool of full-length clones should preferably be thawed and 100 μ l of the stock used to inoculate a sterile culture flask containing 25 ml of sterile L-broth containing ampicillin at 100 μ g/ml. The culture should preferably be grown to saturation at 37°C, and the saturated culture should preferably be diluted in fresh L-broth. Aliquots of these dilutions should preferably be plated to determine the dilution and volume which will yield approximately 5000 distinct and well-separated colonies on solid bacteriological media containing L-broth containing ampicillin at 100 μ g/ml and agar at 1.5% in a 150 mm petri dish when grown overnight at 37°C. Other known methods of obtaining distinct, well-separated colonies can also be employed.

Standard colony hybridization procedures should then be used to transfer the colonies to nitrocellulose filters and lyse, denature and bake them.

The filter is then preferably incubated at 65°C for 1 hour with gentle agitation in 6X SSC (20X stock is 175.3 g NaCl/liter, 88.2 g Na citrate/liter, adjusted to pH 7.0 with NaOH) containing 0.5% SDS, 100 μ g/ml of yeast RNA, and 10 mM EDTA (approximately 10 mL per 150 mm filter). Preferably, the probe is then added to the hybridization mix at a concentration greater than or equal to 1×10^6 dpm/mL. The filter is then preferably incubated at 65°C with gentle agitation overnight. The filter is then preferably washed in 500 mL of 2X SSC/0.1% SDS at room temperature with gentle shaking for 15 minutes. A third wash with 0.1X SSC/0.5% SDS at 65°C for 30 minutes to 1 hour is optional. The filter is then preferably dried and subjected to autoradiography for sufficient time to visualize the positives on the X-ray film. Other known hybridization methods can also be employed.

The positive colonies are picked, grown in culture, and plasmid DNA isolated using standard procedures. The clones can then be verified by restriction analysis, hybridization analysis, or DNA sequencing.

The plasmid DNA obtained using these procedures may then be manipulated using standard cloning techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. Alternatively, a PCR can be done with primers designed at both ends of the extended cDNA insertion. For example, a PCR reaction may be conducted using a primer having the sequence GGCCATACACTTGAGTGAC (SEQ ID NO:38) and a primer having the sequence ATATAGACAAACGCACACC (SEQ. ID. NO:39). The PCR product which corresponds to the extended cDNA can then be manipulated using standard cloning techniques familiar to those skilled in the art.

In addition to PCR based methods for obtaining extended cDNAs, traditional hybridization based methods may also be employed. These methods may also be used to obtain the genomic DNAs which encode the mRNAs from which the 5' ESTs were derived, mRNAs corresponding to the extended cDNAs, or nucleic acids which are homologous to extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs. Example 29 below provides an example of such methods.

EXAMPLE 29

Methods for Obtaining Extended cDNAs or Nucleic
Acids Homologous to Extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs

A full length cDNA library can be made using the strategies described in Examples 13, 14, 15, and 16 above by replacing the random nonamer used in Example 14 with an oligo-dT primer. For instance, the oligonucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 14 may be used.

Alternatively, a cDNA library or genomic DNA library may be obtained from a commercial source or made using techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. The library includes cDNAs which are derived from the mRNA corresponding to a 5' EST or which have homology to an extended cDNA or 5' EST. The cDNA library or genomic DNA library is hybridized to a detectable probe comprising at least 10 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA using conventional techniques. Preferably, the probe comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. More preferably, the probe comprises at least 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. In some embodiments, the probe comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA.

Techniques for identifying cDNA clones in a cDNA library which hybridize to a given probe sequence are disclosed in Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual* 2d Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, (1989). The same techniques may be used to isolate genomic DNAs.

Briefly, cDNA or genomic DNA clones which hybridize to the detectable probe are identified and isolated for further manipulation as follows. A probe comprising at least 10 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA is labeled with a detectable label such as a radioisotope or a fluorescent molecule. Preferably, the probe comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. More preferably, the probe comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. In some embodiments, the probe comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA.

Techniques for labeling the probe are well known and include phosphorylation with polynucleotide kinase, nick translation, in vitro transcription, and non-radioactive techniques. The cDNAs or genomic DNAs in the library are transferred to a nitrocellulose or nylon filter and denatured. After incubation of the filter with a blocking solution, the filter is contacted with the labeled probe and incubated for a sufficient amount of time for the probe to hybridize to cDNAs or genomic DNAs containing a sequence capable of hybridizing to the probe.

By varying the stringency of the hybridization conditions used to identify extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs which hybridize to the detectable probe, extended cDNAs having different levels of homology to the probe can be identified and isolated. To identify extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs having a high degree of homology to the probe sequence, the melting temperature of the probe may be calculated using the following formulas:

For probes between 14 and 70 nucleotides in length the melting temperature (T_m) is calculated using the formula: $T_m = 81.5 + 16.6(\log [Na^+]) + 0.41(\text{fraction G+C}) - (600/N)$ where N is the length of the probe.

5 If the hybridization is carried out in a solution containing formamide, the melting temperature may be calculated using the equation $T_m = 81.5 + 16.6(\log [Na^+]) + 0.41(\text{fraction G+C}) - (0.63\% \text{ formamide}) - (600/N)$ where N is the length of the probe.

Prehybridization may be carried out in 6X SSC, 5X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS, 100 μ g denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA or 6X SSC, 5X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS, 100 μ g denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA, 50% formamide. The formulas for SSC and Denhardt's solutions are listed
10 in Sambrook et al., supra.

Hybridization is conducted by adding the detectable probe to the prehybridization solutions listed above. Where the probe comprises double stranded DNA, it is denatured before addition to the hybridization solution. The filter is contacted with the hybridization solution for a sufficient period of time to allow the probe to hybridize to extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs containing sequences complementary
15 thereto or homologous thereto. For probes over 200 nucleotides in length, the hybridization may be carried out at 15-25°C below the T_m . For shorter probes, such as oligonucleotide probes, the hybridization may be conducted at 15-25°C below the T_m . Preferably, for hybridizations in 6X SSC, the hybridization is conducted at approximately 68°C. Preferably, for hybridizations in 50% formamide containing solutions, the hybridization is conducted at approximately 42°C.

20 All of the foregoing hybridizations would be considered to be under "stringent" conditions.

Following hybridization, the filter is washed in 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 15 minutes. The filter is then washed with 0.1X SSC, 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Thereafter, the solution is washed at the hybridization temperature in 0.1X SSC, 0.5% SDS. A final wash is conducted in 0.1X SSC at room temperature.

25 Extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs, or genomic DNAs which have hybridized to the probe are identified by autoradiography or other conventional techniques.

The above procedure may be modified to identify extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, or genomic DNAs having decreasing levels of homology to the probe sequence. For example, to obtain extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, or genomic DNAs of
30 decreasing homology to the detectable probe, less stringent conditions may be used. For example, the hybridization temperature may be decreased in increments of 5°C from 68°C to 42°C in a hybridization buffer having a Na^+ concentration of approximately 1M. Following hybridization, the filter may be washed with 2X SSC, 0.5% SDS at the temperature of hybridization. These conditions are considered to be "moderate" conditions above 50°C and "low" conditions below 50°C.

35 Alternatively, the hybridization may be carried out in buffers, such as 6X SSC, containing formamide at a temperature of 42°C. In this case, the concentration of formamide in the hybridization

buffer may be reduced in 5% increments from 50% to 0% to identify clones having decreasing levels of homology to the probe. Following hybridization, the filter may be washed with 6X SSC, 0.5% SDS at 50°C. These conditions are considered to be "moderate" conditions above 25% formamide and "low" conditions below 25% formamide.

5 Extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, or genomic DNAs which have hybridized to the probe are identified by autoradiography.

 If it is desired to obtain nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, such as allelic variants thereof or nucleic acids encoding proteins related to the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs, the level of homology between the hybridized nucleic acid and the extended cDNA or 5' EST used as the probe may
10 readily be determined. To determine the level of homology between the hybridized nucleic acid and the extended cDNA or 5' EST from which the probe was derived, the nucleotide sequences of the hybridized nucleic acid and the extended cDNA or 5' EST from which the probe was derived are compared. For example, using the above methods, nucleic acids having at least 95% nucleic acid homology to the extended cDNA or 5' EST from which the probe was derived may be obtained and identified. Similarly, by using
15 progressively less stringent hybridization conditions one can obtain and identify nucleic acids having at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80% or at least 75% homology to the extended cDNA or 5' EST from which the probe was derived.

 To determine whether a clone encodes a protein having a given amount of homology to the protein encoded by the extended cDNA or 5' EST, the amino acid sequence encoded by the extended cDNA or 5' EST is compared to the amino acid sequence encoded by the hybridizing nucleic acid. Homology is
20 determined to exist when an amino acid sequence in the extended cDNA or 5' EST is closely related to an amino acid sequence in the hybridizing nucleic acid. A sequence is closely related when it is identical to that of the extended cDNA or 5' EST or when it contains one or more amino acid substitutions therein in which amino acids having similar characteristics have been substituted for one another. Using the above
25 methods, one can obtain nucleic acids encoding proteins having at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80% or at least 75% homology to the proteins encoded by the extended cDNA or 5' EST from which the probe was derived.

 Alternatively, extended cDNAs may be prepared by obtaining mRNA from the tissue, cell, or organism of interest using mRNA preparation procedures utilizing poly A selection procedures or other
30 techniques known to those skilled in the art. A first primer capable of hybridizing to the poly A tail of the mRNA is hybridized to the mRNA and a reverse transcription reaction is performed to generate a first cDNA strand.

 The first cDNA strand is hybridized to a second primer containing at least 10 consecutive nucleotides of the sequences of the 5' EST for which an extended cDNA is desired. Preferably, the primer
35 comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the sequences of the 5' EST. More preferably, the primer comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the sequences of the 5' EST. In some

embodiments, the primer comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the sequences of the 5' EST. If it is desired to obtain extended cDNAs containing the full protein coding sequence, including the authentic translation initiation site, the second primer used contains sequences located upstream of the translation initiation site. The second primer is extended to generate a second cDNA strand complementary to the first cDNA strand. Alternatively, RTPCR may be performed as described above using primers from both ends of the cDNA to be obtained.

Extended cDNAs containing 5' fragments of the mRNA may be prepared by contacting an mRNA comprising the sequence of the 5' EST for which an extended cDNA is desired with a primer comprising at least 10 consecutive nucleotides of the sequences complementary to the 5' EST, hybridizing the primer to the mRNAs, and reverse transcribing the hybridized primer to make a first cDNA strand from the mRNAs. Preferably, the primer comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST. More preferably, the primer comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST.

Thereafter, a second cDNA strand complementary to the first cDNA strand is synthesized. The second cDNA strand may be made by hybridizing a primer complementary to sequences in the first cDNA strand to the first cDNA strand and extending the primer to generate the second cDNA strand.

The double stranded extended cDNAs made using the methods described above are isolated and cloned. The extended cDNAs may be cloned into vectors such as plasmids or viral vectors capable of replicating in an appropriate host cell. For example, the host cell may be a bacterial, mammalian, avian, or insect cell.

Techniques for isolating mRNA, reverse transcribing a primer hybridized to mRNA to generate a first cDNA strand, extending a primer to make a second cDNA strand complementary to the first cDNA strand, isolating the double stranded cDNA and cloning the double stranded cDNA are well known to those skilled in the art and are described in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley 503 Sons, Inc. (1997); and Sambrook et al. *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, (1989).

Alternatively, kits for obtaining full length cDNAs, such as the GeneTrapper (Cat. No. 10356-020, Gibco, BRL), may be used for obtaining full length cDNAs or extended cDNAs. In this approach, full length or extended cDNAs are prepared from mRNA and cloned into double stranded phagemids. The cDNA library in the double stranded phagemids is then rendered single stranded by treatment with an endonuclease, such as the Gene II product of the phage F1, and Exonuclease III as described in the manual accompanying the GeneTrapper kit. A biotinylated oligonucleotide comprising the sequence of a 5' EST, or a fragment containing at least 10 nucleotides thereof, is hybridized to the single stranded phagemids. Preferably, the fragment comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST. More preferably, the fragment comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST. In some procedures, the fragment may comprise more than 30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST.

Hybrids between the biotinylated oligonucleotide and phagemids having inserts containing the 5'

EST sequence are isolated by incubating the hybrids with streptavidin coated paramagnetic beads and retrieving the beads with a magnet. Thereafter, the resulting phagemids containing the 5' EST sequence are released from the beads and converted into double stranded DNA using a primer specific for the 5' EST sequence. The resulting double stranded DNA is transformed into bacteria. Extended cDNAs containing the 5' EST sequence are identified by colony PCR or colony hybridization.

A plurality of extended cDNAs containing full length protein coding sequences or sequences encoding only the mature protein remaining after the signal peptide is cleaved may be provided as cDNA libraries for subsequent evaluation of the encoded proteins or use in diagnostic assays as described below.

IV. Expression of Proteins Encoded by Extended cDNAs Isolated Using 5' EST's

Extended cDNAs containing the full protein coding sequences of their corresponding mRNAs or portions thereof, such as cDNAs encoding the mature protein, may be used to express the secreted proteins or portions thereof which they encode as described in Example 30 below. If desired, the extended cDNAs may contain the sequences encoding the signal peptide to facilitate secretion of the expressed protein. It will be appreciated that a plurality of extended cDNAs containing the full protein coding sequences or portions thereof may be simultaneously cloned into expression vectors to create an expression library for analysis of the encoded proteins as described below.

EXAMPLE 30

Expression of the Proteins Encoded by Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof

To express the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof, nucleic acids containing the coding sequence for the proteins or portions thereof to be expressed are obtained as described in Examples 27-29 and cloned into a suitable expression vector. If desired, the nucleic acids may contain the sequences encoding the signal peptide to facilitate secretion of the expressed protein. For example, the nucleic acid may comprise the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 listed in Table VII and in the accompanying sequence listing. Alternatively, the nucleic acid may comprise those nucleotides which make up the full coding sequence of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII above.

It will be appreciated that should the extent of the full coding sequence (i.e. the sequence encoding the signal peptide and the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide) differ from that listed in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the extent of the full coding sequences in the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180. Accordingly, the scope of any claims herein relating to nucleic acids containing the full coding sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the full coding sequences listed in Table VII. Similarly, should the extent of the full length polypeptides differ from those indicated in Table VIII as a result of any of the preceding factors, the scope of claims relating to polypeptides

comprising the amino acid sequence of the full length polypeptides is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VIII.

Alternatively, the nucleic acid used to express the protein or portion thereof may comprise those nucleotides which encode the mature protein (i.e. the protein created by cleaving the signal peptide off) encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII.

It will be appreciated that should the extent of the sequence encoding the mature protein differ from that listed in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the extent of the sequence encoding the mature protein in the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. Accordingly, the scope of any claims herein relating to nucleic acids containing the sequence encoding the mature protein encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VII. Thus, claims relating to nucleic acids containing the sequence encoding the mature protein encompass equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VII, such as sequences encoding biologically active proteins resulting from post-translational modification, enzymatic cleavage, or other readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the proteins in addition to cleavage of the signal peptide. Similarly, should the extent of the mature polypeptides differ from those indicated in Table VIII as a result of any of the preceding factors, the scope of claims relating to polypeptides comprising the sequence of a mature protein included in the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VIII. Thus, claims relating to polypeptides comprising the sequence of the mature protein encompass equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VIII, such as biologically active proteins resulting from post-translational modification, enzymatic cleavage, or other readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the proteins in addition to cleavage of the signal peptide. It will also be appreciated that should the biologically active form of the polypeptides included in the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or the nucleic acids encoding the biologically active form of the polypeptides differ from those identified as the mature polypeptide in Table VIII or the nucleotides encoding the mature polypeptide in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the amino acids in the biologically active form of the polypeptides and the nucleic acids encoding the biologically active form of the polypeptides. In such instances, the claims relating to polypeptides comprising the mature protein included in one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or nucleic acids comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180 encoding the mature protein shall not be construed to exclude any readily identifiable variations from the sequences listed in Table VII and Table VIII.

In some embodiments, the nucleic acid used to express the protein or portion thereof may comprise

those nucleotides which encode the signal peptide encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII above.

It will be appreciated that should the extent of the sequence encoding the signal peptide differ from that listed in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the extent of the sequence encoding the signal peptide in the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180. Accordingly, the scope of any claims herein relating to nucleic acids containing the sequence encoding the signal peptide encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from the sequences listed in Table VII. Similarly, should the extent of the signal peptides differ from those indicated in Table VIII as a result of any of the preceding factors, the scope of claims relating to polypeptides comprising the sequence of a signal peptide included in the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from the sequences listed in Table VIII.

Alternatively, the nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide comprising at least 10 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In some embodiments, the nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide comprising at least 15 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In other embodiments, the nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide comprising at least 25 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

The nucleic acids inserted into the expression vectors may also contain sequences upstream of the sequences encoding the signal peptide, such as sequences which regulate expression levels or sequences which confer tissue specific expression.

The nucleic acid encoding the protein or polypeptide to be expressed is operably linked to a promoter in an expression vector using conventional cloning technology. The expression vector may be any of the mammalian, yeast, insect or bacterial expression systems known in the art. Commercially available vectors and expression systems are available from a variety of suppliers including Genetics Institute (Cambridge, MA), Stratagene (La Jolla, California), Promega (Madison, Wisconsin), and Invitrogen (San Diego, California). If desired, to enhance expression and facilitate proper protein folding, the codon context and codon pairing of the sequence may be optimized for the particular expression organism in which the expression vector is introduced, as explained by Hatfield, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,082,767.

The following is provided as one exemplary method to express the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs or the nucleic acids described above. First, the methionine initiation codon for the gene and the poly A signal of the gene are identified. If the nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide to be expressed lacks a methionine to serve as the initiation site, an initiating methionine can be introduced next to the first codon of the nucleic acid using conventional techniques. Similarly, if the extended cDNA lacks a poly A signal, this sequence can be added to the construct by, for example, splicing out the Poly A signal from pSG5 (Stratagene) using BglII and SalI restriction endonuclease enzymes and

incorporating it into the mammalian expression vector pXT1 (Stratagene). pXT1 contains the LTRs and a portion of the *gag* gene from Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus. The position of the LTRs in the construct allow efficient stable transfection. The vector includes the Herpes Simplex Thymidine Kinase promoter and the selectable neomycin gene. The extended cDNA or portion thereof encoding the polypeptide to be expressed is obtained by PCR from the bacterial vector using oligonucleotide primers complementary to the extended cDNA or portion thereof and containing restriction endonuclease sequences for Pst I incorporated into the 5' primer and BglII at the 5' end of the corresponding cDNA 3' primer, taking care to ensure that the extended cDNA is positioned in frame with the poly A signal. The purified fragment obtained from the resulting PCR reaction is digested with PstI, blunt ended with an exonuclease, digested with Bgl II, purified and ligated to pXT1, now containing a poly A signal and digested with BglII.

The ligated product is transfected into mouse NIH 3T3 cells using Lipofectin (Life Technologies, Inc., Grand Island, New York) under conditions outlined in the product specification. Positive transfectants are selected after growing the transfected cells in 600ug/ml G418 (Sigma, St. Louis, Missouri). Preferably the expressed protein is released into the culture medium, thereby facilitating purification.

Alternatively, the extended cDNAs may be cloned into pED6dpc2 as described above. The resulting pED6dpc2 constructs may be transfected into a suitable host cell, such as COS 1 cells. Methotrexate resistant cells are selected and expanded. Preferably, the protein expressed from the extended cDNA is released into the culture medium thereby facilitating purification.

Proteins in the culture medium are separated by gel electrophoresis. If desired, the proteins may be ammonium sulfate precipitated or separated based on size or charge prior to electrophoresis.

As a control, the expression vector lacking a cDNA insert is introduced into host cells or organisms and the proteins in the medium are harvested. The secreted proteins present in the medium are detected using techniques such as Coomassie or silver staining or using antibodies against the protein encoded by the extended cDNA. Coomassie and silver staining techniques are familiar to those skilled in the art.

Antibodies capable of specifically recognizing the protein of interest may be generated using synthetic 15-mer peptides having a sequence encoded by the appropriate 5' EST, extended cDNA, or portion thereof. The synthetic peptides are injected into mice to generate antibody to the polypeptide encoded by the 5' EST, extended cDNA, or portion thereof.

Secreted proteins from the host cells or organisms containing an expression vector which contains the extended cDNA derived from a 5' EST or a portion thereof are compared to those from the control cells or organism. The presence of a band in the medium from the cells containing the expression vector which is absent in the medium from the control cells indicates that the extended cDNA encodes a secreted protein. Generally, the band corresponding to the protein encoded by the extended cDNA will have a mobility near that expected based on the number of amino acids in the open reading frame of the extended cDNA.

However, the band may have a mobility different than that expected as a result of modifications such as glycosylation, ubiquitination, or enzymatic cleavage.

Alternatively, if the protein expressed from the above expression vectors does not contain sequences directing its secretion, the proteins expressed from host cells containing an expression vector containing an insert encoding a secreted protein or portion thereof can be compared to the proteins expressed in host cells containing the expression vector without an insert. The presence of a band in samples from cells containing the expression vector with an insert which is absent in samples from cells containing the expression vector without an insert indicates that the desired protein or portion thereof is being expressed. Generally, the band will have the mobility expected for the secreted protein or portion thereof. However, the band may have a mobility different than that expected as a result of modifications such as glycosylation, ubiquitination, or enzymatic cleavage.

The protein encoded by the extended cDNA may be purified using standard immunochromatography techniques. In such procedures, a solution containing the secreted protein, such as the culture medium or a cell extract, is applied to a column having antibodies against the secreted protein attached to the chromatography matrix. The secreted protein is allowed to bind the immunochromatography column. Thereafter, the column is washed to remove non-specifically bound proteins. The specifically bound secreted protein is then released from the column and recovered using standard techniques.

If antibody production is not possible, the extended cDNA sequence or portion thereof may be incorporated into expression vectors designed for use in purification schemes employing chimeric polypeptides. In such strategies the coding sequence of the extended cDNA or portion thereof is inserted in frame with the gene encoding the other half of the chimera. The other half of the chimera may be β -globin or a nickel binding polypeptide encoding sequence. A chromatography matrix having antibody to β -globin or nickel attached thereto is then used to purify the chimeric protein. Protease cleavage sites may be engineered between the β -globin gene or the nickel binding polypeptide and the extended cDNA or portion thereof. Thus, the two polypeptides of the chimera may be separated from one another by protease digestion.

One useful expression vector for generating β -globin chimerics is pSG5 (Stratagene), which encodes rabbit β -globin. Intron II of the rabbit β -globin gene facilitates splicing of the expressed transcript, and the polyadenylation signal incorporated into the construct increases the level of expression. These techniques as described are well known to those skilled in the art of molecular biology. Standard methods are published in methods texts such as Davis et al., (*Basic Methods in Molecular Biology*, L.G. Davis, M.D. Dibner, and J.F. Battey, ed., Elsevier Press, NY, 1986) and many of the methods are available from Stratagene, Life Technologies, Inc., or Promega. Polypeptide may additionally be produced from the construct using in vitro translation systems such as the In vitro ExpressTM Translation Kit (Stratagene).

Following expression and purification of the secreted proteins encoded by the 5' ESTs, extended cDNAs, or fragments thereof, the purified proteins may be tested for the ability to bind to the surface of various cell types as described in Example 31 below. It will be appreciated that a plurality of proteins expressed from these cDNAs may be included in a panel of proteins to be simultaneously evaluated for the

activities specifically described below, as well as other biological roles for which assays for determining activity are available.

EXAMPLE 31

Analysis of Secreted Proteins to Determine Whether they Bind to the Cell Surface

The proteins encoded by the 5' ESTs, extended cDNAs, or fragments thereof are cloned into expression vectors such as those described in Example 30. The proteins are purified by size, charge, immunochromatography or other techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. Following purification, the proteins are labeled using techniques known to those skilled in the art. The labeled proteins are incubated with cells or cell lines derived from a variety of organs or tissues to allow the proteins to bind to any receptor present on the cell surface. Following the incubation, the cells are washed to remove non-specifically bound protein. The labeled proteins are detected by autoradiography. Alternatively, unlabeled proteins may be incubated with the cells and detected with antibodies having a detectable label, such as a fluorescent molecule, attached thereto.

Specificity of cell surface binding may be analyzed by conducting a competition analysis in which various amounts of unlabeled protein are incubated along with the labeled protein. The amount of labeled protein bound to the cell surface decreases as the amount of competitive unlabeled protein increases. As a control, various amounts of an unlabeled protein unrelated to the labeled protein is included in some binding reactions. The amount of labeled protein bound to the cell surface does not decrease in binding reactions containing increasing amounts of unrelated unlabeled protein, indicating that the protein encoded by the cDNA binds specifically to the cell surface.

As discussed above, secreted proteins have been shown to have a number of important physiological effects and, consequently, represent a valuable therapeutic resource. The secreted proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof made according to Examples 27-29 may be evaluated to determine their physiological activities as described below.

EXAMPLE 32

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Cytokine, Cell Proliferation or Cell Differentiation Activity

As discussed above, secreted proteins may act as cytokines or may affect cellular proliferation or differentiation. Many protein factors discovered to date, including all known cytokines, have exhibited activity in one or more factor dependent cell proliferation assays, and hence the assays serve as a convenient confirmation of cytokine activity. The activity of a protein of the present invention is evidenced by any one of a number of routine factor dependent cell proliferation assays for cell lines including, without limitation, 32D, DA2, DA1G, T10, B9, B9/11, BaF3, MC9/G, M+ (preB M+), 2E8, RB5, DA1, 123, T1165, HT2, CTLL2, TF-1, Mo7c and CMK. The proteins encoded by the above extended cDNAs or portions thereof

may be evaluated for their ability to regulate T cell or thymocyte proliferation in assays such as those described above or in the following references: *Current Protocols in Immunology*, Ed. by J.E. Coligan et al., Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Takai et al. *J. Immunol.* 137:3494-3500 (1986); Bertagnolli et al. *J. Immunol.* 145:1706-1712 (1990); Bertagnolli et al., *Cellular Immunology* 133:327-341 (1991); Bertagnolli, et al. *J. Immunol.* 149:3778-3783 (1992); and Bowman et al., *J. Immunol.* 152:1756-1761 (1994).

In addition, numerous assays for cytokine production and/or the proliferation of spleen cells, lymph node cells and thymocytes are known. These include the techniques disclosed in *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E. Coligan et al. Eds., Vol 1 pp. 3.12.1-3.12.14 John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1994); and Schreiber, R.D. *Current Protocols in Immunology*, supra Vol 1 pp. 6.8.1-6.8.8, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1994).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be assayed for the ability to regulate the proliferation and differentiation of hematopoietic or lymphopoietic cells. Many assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays in the following references: Bottomly, K., Davis, L.S. and Lipsky, P.E., Measurement of Human and Murine Interleukin 2 and Interleukin 4, *Current Protocols in Immunology*, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.3.1-6.3.12, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991); deVries et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 173:1205-1211, 1991; Moreau et al., *Nature* 36:690-692, (1988); Greenberger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 80:2931-2938, (1983); Nordan, R., Measurement of Mouse and Human Interleukin 6. *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.6.1-6.6.5, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991); Smith et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 83:1857-1861, 1986; Bennett, F., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K.J., Measurement of Human Interleukin 11. *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.15.1 John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991); and Ciarletta, A., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K.J., Measurement of Mouse and Human Interleukin 9. *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E. Coligan et al., Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.13.1, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be assayed for their ability to regulate T-cell responses to antigens. Many assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays described in the following references: Chapter 3 (In Vitro Assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function), Chapter 6 (Cytokines and Their Cellular Receptors) and Chapter 7, (Immunologic Studies in Humans) *Current Protocols in Immunology*, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Weinberger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:6091-6095 (1980); Weinberger et al., *Eur. J. Immun.* 11:405-411 (1981); Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 137:3494-3500 (1986); and Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 140:508-512 (1988).

Those proteins which exhibit cytokine, cell proliferation, or cell differentiation activity may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which induction of cell proliferation or differentiation is beneficial. Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host

cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

EXAMPLE 33

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions

Thereof for Activity as Immune System Regulators

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effects as immune regulators. For example, the proteins may be evaluated for their activity to influence thymocyte or splenocyte cytotoxicity. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art including the assays described in the following references: Chapter 3 (In Vitro Assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19) and Chapter 7 (Immunologic studies in Humans) *Current Protocols in Immunology*, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds, Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Herrmann et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 78:2488-2492 (1981); Herrmann et al., *J. Immunol.* 128:1968-1974 (1982); Handa et al., *J. Immunol.* 135:1564-1572 (1985); Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 137:3494-3500 (1986); Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 140:508-512 (1988); Herrmann et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 78:2488-2492 (1981); Herrmann et al *J. Immunol.* 128:1968-1974 (1982); Handa et al., *J. Immunol.* 135:1564-1572 (1985); Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 137:3494-3500 (1986); Bowman et al., *J. Virology* 61:1992-1998; Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 140:508-512 (1988); Bertagnolli et al., *Cellular Immunology* 133:327-341 (1991); and Brown et al., *J. Immunol.* 153:3079-3092 (1994).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effects on T-cell dependent immunoglobulin responses and isotype switching. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Maliszewski, *J. Immunol.* 144:3028-3033 (1990); and Mond, J.J. and Brunswick, M. Assays for B Cell Function: *In vitro* Antibody Production, Vol 1 pp. 3.8.1-3.8.16 *Current Protocols in Immunology*, J.E. Coligan et al Eds., John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1994).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effect on immune effector cells, including their effect on Th1 cells and cytotoxic lymphocytes. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Chapter 3 (In Vitro Assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19) and Chapter 7 (Immunologic Studies in Humans) *Current Protocols in Immunology*, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds., Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 137:3494-3500 (1986); Takai et al.; *J. Immunol.* 140:508-512 (1988); and Bertagnolli et al., *J. Immunol.* 149:3778-3783 (1992).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effect on dendritic cell mediated activation of naive T-cells. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Guery et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:536-544 (1995); Inaba et al., *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 173:549-559 (1991); Macatonia et al., *J. Immunol.* 154:5071-5079 (1995); Porgador et al., *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 182:255-260 (1995); Nair et al.,

Journal of Virology 67:4062-4069 (1993); Huang et al., *Science* 264:961-965 (1994); Macatonia et al., *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 169:1255-1264 (1989); Bhardwaj et al., *Journal of Clinical Investigation* 94:797-807 (1994); and Inaba et al., *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 172:631-640 (1990).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their influence on the lifetime of lymphocytes. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Darzynkiewicz et al., *Cytometry* 13:795-808 (1992); Gorczyca et al., *Leukemia* 7:659-670 (1993); Gorczyca et al., *Cancer Research* 53:1945-1951 (1993); Itoh et al., *Cell* 66:233-243 (1991); Zacharchuk et al., *J. Immunol.* 145:4037-4045 (1990); Zamai et al., *Cytometry* 14:891-897 (1993); and Gorczyca et al., *International Journal of Oncology* 1:639-648 (1992).

Assays for proteins that influence early steps of T-cell commitment and development include, without limitation, those described in: Antica et al., *Blood* 84:111-117 (1994); Fine et al., *Cellular immunology* 155:111-122 (1994); Galy et al., *Blood* 85:2770-2778 (1995); and Toki et al., *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* 88:7548-7551 (1991).

Those proteins which exhibit activity as immune system regulators activity may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of immune activity is beneficial. For example, the protein may be useful in the treatment of various immune deficiencies and disorders (including severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)), e.g., in regulating (up or down) growth and proliferation of T and/or B lymphocytes, as well as effecting the cytolytic activity of NK cells and other cell populations. These immune deficiencies may be genetic or be caused by viral (e.g., HIV) as well as bacterial or fungal infections, or may result from autoimmune disorders. More specifically, infectious diseases caused by viral, bacterial, fungal or other infection may be treatable using a protein of the present invention, including infections by HIV, hepatitis viruses, herpesviruses, mycobacteria, *Leishmania* spp., malaria spp. and various fungal infections such as candidiasis. Of course, in this regard, a protein of the present invention may also be useful where a boost to the immune system generally may be desirable, i.e., in the treatment of cancer.

Autoimmune disorders which may be treated using a protein of the present invention include, for example, connective tissue disease, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune pulmonary inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, autoimmune thyroiditis, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, myasthenia gravis, graft-versus-host disease and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease.

Such a protein of the present invention may also to be useful in the treatment of allergic reactions and conditions, such as asthma (particularly allergic asthma) or other respiratory problems. Other conditions, in which immune suppression is desired (including, for example, organ transplantation), may also be treatable using a protein of the present invention.

Using the proteins of the invention it may also be possible to regulate immune responses, in a number of ways. Down regulation may be in the form of inhibiting or blocking an immune response already in progress or may involve preventing the induction of an immune response. The functions of activated T-

cells may be inhibited by suppressing T cell responses or by inducing specific tolerance in T cells, or both. Immunosuppression of T cell responses is generally an active, non-antigen-specific, process which requires continuous exposure of the T cells to the suppressive agent. Tolerance, which involves inducing non-responsiveness or anergy in T cells, is distinguishable from immunosuppression in that it is generally antigen-specific and persists after exposure to the tolerizing agent has ceased. Operationally, tolerance can be demonstrated by the lack of a T cell response upon reexposure to specific antigen in the absence of the tolerizing agent.

Down regulating or preventing one or more antigen functions (including without limitation B lymphocyte antigen functions (such as, for example, B7)), e.g., preventing high level lymphokine synthesis by activated T cells, will be useful in situations of tissue, skin and organ transplantation and in graft-versus-host disease (GVHD). For example, blockage of T cell function should result in reduced tissue destruction in tissue transplantation. Typically, in tissue transplants, rejection of the transplant is initiated through its recognition as foreign by T cells, followed by an immune reaction that destroys the transplant. The administration of a molecule which inhibits or blocks interaction of a B7 lymphocyte antigen with its natural ligand(s) on immune cells (such as a soluble, monomeric form of a peptide having B7-2 activity alone or in conjunction with a monomeric form of a peptide having an activity of another B lymphocyte antigen (e.g., B7-1, B7-3) or blocking antibody), prior to transplantation can lead to the binding of the molecule to the natural ligand(s) on the immune cells without transmitting the corresponding costimulatory signal. Blocking B lymphocyte antigen function in this manner prevents cytokine synthesis by immune cells, such as T cells, and thus acts as an immunosuppressant. Moreover, the lack of costimulation may also be sufficient to anergize the T cells, thereby inducing tolerance in a subject. Induction of long-term tolerance by B lymphocyte antigen-blocking reagents may avoid the necessity of repeated administration of these blocking reagents. To achieve sufficient immunosuppression or tolerance in a subject, it may also be necessary to block the function of a combination of B lymphocyte antigens.

The efficacy of particular blocking reagents in preventing organ transplant rejection or GVHD can be assessed using animal models that are predictive of efficacy in humans. Examples of appropriate systems which can be used include allogeneic cardiac grafts in rats and xenogeneic pancreatic islet cell grafts in mice, both of which have been used to examine the immunosuppressive effects of CTLA4Ig fusion proteins in vivo as described in Lenschow et al., *Science* 257:789-792 (1992) and Turka et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA*, 89:11102-11105 (1992). In addition, murine models of GVHD (see Paul et al., *Fundamental Immunology*, Raven Press, New York, (1989), pp. 846-847) can be used to determine the effect of blocking B lymphocyte antigen function in vivo on the development of that disease.

Blocking antigen function may also be therapeutically useful for treating autoimmune diseases. Many autoimmune disorders are the result of inappropriate activation of T cells that are reactive against self tissue and which promote the production of cytokines and autoantibodies involved in the pathology of the diseases. Preventing the activation of autoreactive T cells may reduce or eliminate disease symptoms.

Administration of reagents which block costimulation of T cells by disrupting receptor ligand interactions of B lymphocyte antigens can be used to inhibit T cell activation and prevent production of autoantibodies or T cell-derived cytokines which may be involved in the disease process. Additionally, blocking reagents may induce antigen-specific tolerance of autoreactive T cells which could lead to long-term relief from the disease. The efficacy of blocking reagents in preventing or alleviating autoimmune disorders can be determined using a number of well-characterized animal models of human autoimmune diseases. Examples include murine experimental autoimmune encephalitis, systemic lupus erythematosus in MRL/pr/pr mice or NZB hybrid mice, murine autoimmune collagen arthritis, diabetes mellitus in OD mice and BB rats, and murine experimental myasthenia gravis (see Paul ed., *Fundamental Immunology*, Raven Press, New York, (1989), pp. 840-856).

Upregulation of an antigen function (preferably a B lymphocyte antigen function), as a means of up regulating immune responses, may also be useful in therapy. Upregulation of immune responses may be in the form of enhancing an existing immune response or eliciting an initial immune response. For example, enhancing an immune response through stimulating B lymphocyte antigen function may be useful in cases of viral infection. In addition, systemic viral diseases such as influenza, the common cold, and encephalitis might be alleviated by the administration of stimulatory form of B lymphocyte antigens systemically.

Alternatively, anti-viral immune responses may be enhanced in an infected patient by removing T cells from the patient, costimulating the T cells in vitro with viral antigen-pulsed APCs either expressing a peptide of the present invention or together with a stimulatory form of a soluble peptide of the present invention and reintroducing the in vitro activated T cells into the patient. The infected cells would now be capable of delivering a costimulatory signal to T cells in vivo, thereby activating the T cells.

In another application, up regulation or enhancement of antigen function (preferably B lymphocyte antigen function) may be useful in the induction of tumor immunity. Tumor cells (e.g., sarcoma, melanoma, lymphoma, leukemia, neuroblastoma, carcinoma) transfected with a nucleic acid encoding at least one peptide of the present invention can be administered to a subject to overcome tumor-specific tolerance in the subject. If desired, the tumor cell can be transfected to express a combination of peptides. For example, tumor cells obtained from a patient can be transfected ex vivo with an expression vector directing the expression of a peptide having B7-2-like activity alone, or in conjunction with a peptide having B7-1-like activity and/or B7-3-like activity. The transfected tumor cells are returned to the patient to result in expression of the peptides on the surface of the transfected cell. Alternatively, gene therapy techniques can be used to target a tumor cell for transfection in vivo.

The presence of the peptide of the present invention having the activity of a B lymphocyte antigen(s) on the surface of the tumor cell provides the necessary costimulation signal to T cells to induce a T cell mediated immune response against the transfected tumor cells. In addition, tumor cells which lack MHC class I or MHC class II molecules, or which fail to reexpress sufficient amounts of MHC class I or MHC class II molecules, can be transfected with nucleic acids encoding all or a portion of (e.g., a

cytoplasmic-domain truncated portion) of an MHC class I α chain protein and β_2 macroglobulin protein or an MHC class II α chain protein and an MHC class II β chain protein to thereby express MHC class I or MHC class II proteins on the cell surface. Expression of the appropriate class II or class II MHC in conjunction with a peptide having the activity of a B lymphocyte antigen (e.g., B7-1, B7-2, B7-3) induces a T cell mediated immune response against the transfected tumor cell. Optionally, a gene encoding an antisense construct which blocks expression of an MHC class II associated protein, such as the invariant chain, can also be cotransfected with a DNA encoding a peptide having the activity of a B lymphocyte antigen to promote presentation of tumor associated antigens and induce tumor specific immunity. Thus, the induction of a T cell mediated immune response in a human subject may be sufficient to overcome tumor-specific tolerance in the subject. Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

EXAMPLE 34

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Hematopoiesis Regulating Activity

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their hematopoiesis regulating activity. For example, the effect of the proteins on embryonic stem cell differentiation may be evaluated. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Johansson et al. *Cellular Biology* 15:141-151 (1995); Keller et al., *Molecular and Cellular Biology* 13:473-486 (1993); and McClanahan et al., *Blood* 81:2903-2915 (1993).

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their influence on the lifetime of stem cells and stem cell differentiation. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Freshney, M.G. Methylcellulose Colony Forming Assays, *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 265-268, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); Hirayama et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:5907-5911 (1992); McNiece, I.K. and Briddell, R.A. Primitive Hematopoietic Colony Forming Cells with High Proliferative Potential; *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 23-39, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); Neben et al., *Experimental Hematology* 22:353-359 (1994); Ploemacher, R.E. Cobblestone Area Forming Cell Assay, *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 1-21, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); Spooncer, E., Dexter, M. and Allen, T. Long Term Bone Marrow Cultures in the Presence of Stromal Cells, *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 163-179, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); and Sutherland, H.J. Long Term Culture Initiating Cell Assay, *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 139-162, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994).

Those proteins which exhibit hematopoiesis regulatory activity may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of hematopoiesis is beneficial. For example, a protein of the present invention may be useful in regulation of hematopoiesis and, consequently, in the treatment of myeloid or lymphoid cell deficiencies. Even marginal biological activity in support of colony forming cells or of factor-dependent cell lines indicates involvement in regulating hematopoiesis, e.g. in supporting the growth and proliferation of erythroid progenitor cells alone or in combination with other cytokines, thereby indicating utility, for example, in treating various anemias or for use in conjunction with irradiation/chemotherapy to stimulate the production of erythroid precursors and/or erythroid cells; in supporting the growth and proliferation of myeloid cells such as granulocytes and monocytes/macrophages (i.e., traditional CSF activity) useful, for example, in conjunction with chemotherapy to prevent or treat consequent myelo-suppression; in supporting the growth and proliferation of megakaryocytes and consequently of platelets thereby allowing prevention or treatment of various platelet disorders such as thrombocytopenia, and generally for use in place of or complimentary to platelet transfusions; and/or in supporting the growth and proliferation of hematopoietic stem-cells which are capable of maturing to any and all of the above-mentioned hematopoietic cells and therefore find therapeutic utility in various stem cell disorders (such as those usually treated with transplantation, including, without limitation, aplastic anemia and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria), as well as in repopulating the stem cell compartment post irradiation/chemotherapy, either in-vivo or ex-vivo (i.e., in conjunction with bone marrow transplantation or with peripheral progenitor cell transplantation (homologous or heterologous)) as normal cells or genetically manipulated for gene therapy. Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

EXAMPLE 35

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Regulation of Tissue Growth

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their effect on tissue growth. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in International Patent Publication No. WO95/16035, International Patent Publication No. WO95/05846 and International Patent Publication No. WO91/07491.

Assays for wound healing activity include, without limitation, those described in: Winter, *Epidermal Wound Healing*, pps. 71-112 (Maibach, H1 and Rovee, DT, eds.), Year Book Medical Publishers, Inc., Chicago, as modified by Eaglstein and Mertz, *J. Invest. Dermatol.* 71:382-84 (1978).

Those proteins which are involved in the regulation of tissue growth may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of tissue growth is beneficial. For example, a protein of the present invention also may have utility in compositions used for bone, cartilage,

tendon, ligament and/or nerve tissue growth or regeneration, as well as for wound healing and tissue repair and replacement, and in the treatment of burns, incisions and ulcers.

A protein of the present invention, which induces cartilage and/or bone growth in circumstances where bone is not normally formed, has application in the healing of bone fractures and cartilage damage or defects in humans and other animals. Such a preparation employing a protein of the invention may have prophylactic use in closed as well as open fracture reduction and also in the improved fixation of artificial joints. De novo bone formation induced by an osteogenic agent contributes to the repair of congenital, trauma induced, or oncologic resection induced craniofacial defects, and also is useful in cosmetic plastic surgery.

A protein of this invention may also be used in the treatment of periodontal disease, and in other tooth repair processes. Such agents may provide an environment to attract bone-forming cells, stimulate growth of bone-forming cells or induce differentiation of progenitors of bone-forming cells. A protein of the invention may also be useful in the treatment of osteoporosis or osteoarthritis, such as through stimulation of bone and/or cartilage repair or by blocking inflammation or processes of tissue destruction (collagenase activity, osteoclast activity, etc.) mediated by inflammatory processes.

Another category of tissue regeneration activity that may be attributable to the protein of the present invention is tendon/ligament formation. A protein of the present invention, which induces tendon/ligament-like tissue or other tissue formation in circumstances where such tissue is not normally formed, has application in the healing of tendon or ligament tears, deformities and other tendon or ligament defects in humans and other animals. Such a preparation employing a tendon/ligament-like tissue inducing protein may have prophylactic use in preventing damage to tendon or ligament tissue, as well as use in the improved fixation of tendon or ligament to bone or other tissues, and in repairing defects to tendon or ligament tissue.

De novo tendon/ligament-like tissue formation induced by a composition of the present invention contributes to the repair of congenital, trauma induced, or other tendon or ligament defects of other origin, and is also useful in cosmetic plastic surgery for attachment or repair of tendons or ligaments. The compositions of the present invention may provide an environment to attract tendon- or ligament-forming cells, stimulate growth of tendon- or ligament-forming cells, induce differentiation of progenitors of tendon- or ligament-forming cells, or induce growth of tendon/ligament cells or progenitors ex vivo for return in vivo to effect tissue repair. The compositions of the invention may also be useful in the treatment of tendinitis, carpal tunnel syndrome and other tendon or ligament defects. The compositions may also include an appropriate matrix and/or sequestering agent as a carrier as is well known in the art.

The protein of the present invention may also be useful for proliferation of neural cells and for regeneration of nerve and brain tissue, i.e., for the treatment of central and peripheral nervous system diseases and neuropathies, as well as mechanical and traumatic disorders, which involve degeneration, death or trauma to neural cells or nerve tissue. More specifically, a protein may be used in the treatment of diseases of the peripheral nervous system, such as peripheral nerve injuries, peripheral neuropathy and

localized neuropathies, and central nervous system diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Shy-Drager syndrome. Further conditions which may be treated in accordance with the present invention include mechanical and traumatic disorders, such as spinal cord disorders, head trauma and cerebrovascular diseases such as stroke. Peripheral neuropathies resulting from chemotherapy or other medical therapies may also be treatable using a protein of the invention.

Proteins of the invention may also be useful to promote better or faster closure of non-healing wounds, including without limitation pressure ulcers, ulcers associated with vascular insufficiency, surgical and traumatic wounds, and the like.

It is expected that a protein of the present invention may also exhibit activity for generation or regeneration of other tissues, such as organs (including, for example, pancreas, liver, intestine, kidney, skin, endothelium) muscle (smooth, skeletal or cardiac) and vascular (including vascular endothelium) tissue, or for promoting the growth of cells comprising such tissues. Part of the desired effects may be by inhibition or modulation of fibrotic scarring to allow normal tissue to generate. A protein of the invention may also exhibit angiogenic activity.

A protein of the present invention may also be useful for gut protection or regeneration and treatment of lung or liver fibrosis, reperfusion injury in various tissues, and conditions resulting from systemic cytokine damage.

A protein of the present invention may also be useful for promoting or inhibiting differentiation of tissues described above from precursor tissues or cells; or for inhibiting the growth of tissues described above.

Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

EXAMPLE 36

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions

Thereof for Regulation of Reproductive Hormones or Cell Movement

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their ability to regulate reproductive hormones, such as follicle stimulating hormone. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Vale et al., *Endocrinology* 91:562-572 (1972); Ling et al., *Nature* 321:779-782 (1986); Vale et al., *Nature* 321:776-779 (1986); Mason et al., *Nature* 318:659-663 (1985); Forage et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 83:3091-3095 (1986). Chapter 6.12 (Measurement of Alpha and Beta Chemokines) *Current Protocols in Immunology*, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Taub et al. *J. Clin. Invest.* 95:1370-1376 (1995); Lind et al. *APMIS* 103:140-146 (1995); Muller et al. *Eur. J. Immunol.*

25:1744-1748; Gruber et al. *J. of Immunol.* 152:5860-5867 (1994); and Johnston et al. *J. of Immunol.* 153:1762-1768 (1994).

Those proteins which exhibit activity as reproductive hormones or regulators of cell movement may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of reproductive hormones or cell movement are beneficial. For example, a protein of the present invention may also exhibit activin- or inhibin-related activities. Inhibins are characterized by their ability to inhibit the release of follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), while activins are characterized by their ability to stimulate the release of follicle stimulating hormone (FSH). Thus, a protein of the present invention, alone or in heterodimers with a member of the inhibin α family, may be useful as a contraceptive based on the ability of inhibins to decrease fertility in female mammals and decrease spermatogenesis in male mammals. Administration of sufficient amounts of other inhibins can induce infertility in these mammals. Alternatively, the protein of the invention, as a homodimer or as a heterodimer with other protein subunits of the inhibin-B group, may be useful as a fertility inducing therapeutic, based upon the ability of activin molecules in stimulating FSH release from cells of the anterior pituitary. See, for example, United States Patent 4,798,885. A protein of the invention may also be useful for advancement of the onset of fertility in sexually immature mammals, so as to increase the lifetime reproductive performance of domestic animals such as cows, sheep and pigs.

Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

EXAMPLE 36A

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Chemotactic/Chemokinetic Activity

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for chemotactic/chemokinetic activity. For example, a protein of the present invention may have chemotactic or chemokinetic activity (e.g., act as a chemokine) for mammalian cells, including, for example, monocytes, fibroblasts, neutrophils, T-cells, mast cells, eosinophils, epithelial and/or endothelial cells. Chemotactic and chemokinetic proteins can be used to mobilize or attract a desired cell population to a desired site of action. Chemotactic or chemokinetic proteins provide particular advantages in treatment of wounds and other trauma to tissues, as well as in treatment of localized infections. For example, attraction of lymphocytes, monocytes or neutrophils to tumors or sites of infection may result in improved immune responses against the tumor or infecting agent.

A protein or peptide has chemotactic activity for a particular cell population if it can stimulate, directly or indirectly, the directed orientation or movement of such cell population. Preferably, the protein or peptide has the ability to directly stimulate directed movement of cells. Whether a particular protein has

chemotactic activity for a population of cells can be readily determined by employing such protein or peptide in any known assay for cell chemotaxis.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Assays for chemotactic activity (which will identify proteins that induce or prevent chemotaxis) consist of assays that measure the ability of a protein to induce the migration of cells across a membrane as well as the ability of a protein to induce the adhesion of one cell population to another cell population. Suitable assays for movement and adhesion include, without limitation, those described in: *Current Protocols in Immunology*, Ed by J.E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeck, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W. Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 6.12, Measurement of alpha and beta Chemokines 6.12.1-6.12.28; Taub et al. *J. Clin. Invest.* 95:1370-1376 (1995); Lind et al. *APMIS* 103:140-146 (1995); Mueller et al. *Eur. J. Immunol.* 25:1744-1748; Gruber et al. *J. of Immunol.* 152:5860-5867 (1994); and Johnston et al. *J. of Immunol.* 153:1762-1768 (1994).

EXAMPLE 37

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Regulation of Blood Clotting

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their effects on blood clotting. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Linet et al., *J. Clin. Pharmacol.* 26:131-140 (1986); Burdick et al., *Thrombosis Res.* 45:413-419 (1987); Humphrey et al., *Fibrinolysis* 5:71-79 (1991); and Schaub, *Prostaglandins* 35:467-474 (1988).

Those proteins which are involved in the regulation of blood clotting may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of blood clotting is beneficial. For example, a protein of the invention may also exhibit hemostatic or thrombolytic activity. As a result, such a protein is expected to be useful in treatment of various coagulations disorders (including hereditary disorders, such as hemophilias) or to enhance coagulation and other hemostatic events in treating wounds resulting from trauma, surgery or other causes. A protein of the invention may also be useful for dissolving or inhibiting formation of thromboses and for treatment and prevention of conditions resulting therefrom (such as, for example, infarction of cardiac and central nervous system vessels (e.g., stroke). Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

EXAMPLE 38

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or
Portions Thereof for Involvement in Receptor/Ligand Interactions

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or a portion thereof may also be evaluated for their involvement in receptor/ligand interactions. Numerous assays for such involvement are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Chapter 7.28 (Measurement of Cellular Adhesion under Static Conditions 7.28.1-7.28.22) *Current Protocols in Immunology*, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Takai et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 84:6864-6868 (1987); Bierer et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 168:1145-1156 (1988); Rosenstein et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 169:149-160 (1989); Stoltzenberg et al., *J. Immunol. Methods* 175:59-68 (1994); Stitt et al., *Cell* 80:661-670 (1995); and Gyuris et al., *Cell* 75:791-803 (1993).

For example, the proteins of the present invention may also demonstrate activity as receptors, receptor ligands or inhibitors or agonists of receptor/ligand interactions. Examples of such receptors and ligands include, without limitation, cytokine receptors and their ligands, receptor kinases and their ligands, receptor phosphatases and their ligands, receptors involved in cell-cell interactions and their ligands (including without limitation, cellular adhesion molecules (such as selectins, integrins and their ligands) and receptor/ligand pairs involved in antigen presentation, antigen recognition and development of cellular and humoral immune responses). Receptors and ligands are also useful for screening of potential peptide or small molecule inhibitors of the relevant receptor/ligand interaction. A protein of the present invention (including, without limitation, fragments of receptors and ligands) may themselves be useful as inhibitors of receptor/ligand interactions.

EXAMPLE 38A

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or
Portions Thereof for Anti-Inflammatory Activity

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or a portion thereof may also be evaluated for anti-inflammatory activity. The anti-inflammatory activity may be achieved by providing a stimulus to cells involved in the inflammatory response, by inhibiting or promoting cell-cell interactions (such as, for example, cell adhesion), by inhibiting or promoting chemotaxis of cells involved in the inflammatory process, inhibiting or promoting cell extravasation, or by stimulating or suppressing production of other factors which more directly inhibit or promote an inflammatory response. Proteins exhibiting such activities can be used to treat inflammatory conditions including chronic or acute conditions), including without limitation inflammation associated with infection (such as septic shock, sepsis or systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)), ischemia-reperfusion injury, endotoxin lethality, arthritis, complement-mediated hyperacute rejection, nephritis, cytokine or chemokine-induced lung injury, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease or resulting from over production of cytokines such as TNF or IL-1. Proteins of the

invention may also be useful to treat anaphylaxis and hypersensitivity to an antigenic substance or material.

EXAMPLE 38B

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or

Portions Thereof for Tumor Inhibition Activity

5 The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or a portion thereof may also be evaluated for tumor inhibition activity. In addition to the activities described above for immunological treatment or prevention of tumors, a protein of the invention may exhibit other anti-tumor activities. A protein may inhibit tumor growth directly or indirectly (such as, for example, via ADCC). A protein may exhibit its tumor inhibitory
10 activity by acting on tumor tissue or tumor precursor tissue, by inhibiting formation of tissues necessary to support tumor growth (such as, for example, by inhibiting angiogenesis), by causing production of other factors, agents or cell types which inhibit tumor growth, or by suppressing, eliminating or inhibiting factors, agents or cell types which promote tumor growth.

15 A protein of the invention may also exhibit one or more of the following additional activities or effects: inhibiting the growth, infection or function of, or killing, infectious agents, including, without limitation, bacteria, viruses, fungi and other parasites; effecting (suppressing or enhancing) bodily characteristics, including, without limitation, height, weight, hair color, eye color, skin, fat to lean ratio or other tissue pigmentation, or organ or body part size or shape (such as, for example, breast augmentation or
20 diminution, change in bone form or shape); effecting biorhythms or circadian cycles or rhythms; effecting the fertility of male or female subjects; effecting the metabolism, catabolism, anabolism, processing, utilization, storage or elimination of dietary fat, lipid, protein, carbohydrate, vitamins, minerals, cofactors or other nutritional factors or component(s); effecting behavioral characteristics, including, without limitation, appetite, libido, stress, cognition (including cognitive disorders), depression (including depressive disorders)
25 and violent behaviors; providing analgesic effects or other pain reducing effects; promoting differentiation and growth of embryonic stem cells in lineages other than hematopoietic lineages; hormonal or endocrine activity; in the case of enzymes, correcting deficiencies of the enzyme and treating deficiency-related diseases; treatment of hyperproliferative disorders (such as, for example, psoriasis); immunoglobulin-like activity (such as, for example, the ability to bind antigens or complement); and the ability to act as an
30 antigen in a vaccine composition to raise an immune response against such protein or another material or entity which is cross-reactive with such protein.

EXAMPLE 39

Identification of Proteins which Interact with

Polypeptides Encoded by Extended cDNAs

35 Proteins which interact with the polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs or portions thereof, such

as receptor proteins, may be identified using two hybrid systems such as the Matchmaker Two Hybrid System 2 (Catalog No. K1604-1, Clontech). As described in the manual accompanying the Matchmaker Two Hybrid System 2 (Catalog No. K1604-1, Clontech), the extended cDNAs or portions thereof, are inserted into an expression vector such that they are in frame with DNA encoding the DNA binding domain of the yeast transcriptional activator GAL4. cDNAs in a cDNA library which encode proteins which might interact with the polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof are inserted into a second expression vector such that they are in frame with DNA encoding the activation domain of GAL4. The two expression plasmids are transformed into yeast and the yeast are plated on selection medium which selects for expression of selectable markers on each of the expression vectors as well as GAL4 dependent expression of the HIS3 gene. Transformants capable of growing on medium lacking histidine are screened for GAL4 dependent lacZ expression. Those cells which are positive in both the histidine selection and the lacZ assay contain plasmids encoding proteins which interact with the polypeptide encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof.

Alternatively, the system described in Lustig et al., *Methods in Enzymology* 283: 83-99 (1997), may be used for identifying molecules which interact with the polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs. In such systems, *in vitro* transcription reactions are performed on a pool of vectors containing extended cDNA inserts cloned downstream of a promoter which drives *in vitro* transcription. The resulting pools of mRNAs are introduced into *Xenopus laevis* oocytes. The oocytes are then assayed for a desired activity.

Alternatively, the pooled *in vitro* transcription products produced as described above may be translated *in vitro*. The pooled *in vitro* translation products can be assayed for a desired activity or for interaction with a known polypeptide.

Proteins or other molecules interacting with polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs can be found by a variety of additional techniques. In one method, affinity columns containing the polypeptide encoded by the extended cDNA or a portion thereof can be constructed. In some versions, of this method the affinity column contains chimeric proteins in which the protein encoded by the extended cDNA or a portion thereof is fused to glutathione S-transferase. A mixture of cellular proteins or pool of expressed proteins as described above and is applied to the affinity column. Proteins interacting with the polypeptide attached to the column can then be isolated and analyzed on 2-D electrophoresis gel as described in Ramunsen et al. *Electrophoresis* 18:588-598 (1997). Alternatively, the proteins retained on the affinity column can be purified by electrophoresis based methods and sequenced. The same method can be used to isolate antibodies, to screen phage display products, or to screen phage display human antibodies.

Proteins interacting with polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs or portions thereof can also be screened by using an Optical Biosensor as described in Edwards & Leatherbarrow, *Analytical Biochemistry*, 246:1-6 (1997). The main advantage of the method is that it allows the determination of the association rate between the protein and other interacting molecules. Thus, it is possible to

specifically select interacting molecules with a high or low association rate. Typically a target molecule is linked to the sensor surface (through a carboxymethyl dextran matrix) and a sample of test molecules is placed in contact with the target molecules. The binding of a test molecule to the target molecule causes a change in the refractive index and/or thickness. This change is detected by the Biosensor provided it occurs in the evanescent field (which extend a few hundred nanometers from the sensor surface). In these screening assays, the target molecule can be one of the polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs or a portion thereof and the test sample can be a collection of proteins extracted from tissues or cells, a pool of expressed proteins, combinatorial peptide and/or chemical libraries, or phage displayed peptides. The tissues or cells from which the test proteins are extracted can originate from any species.

In other methods, a target protein is immobilized and the test population is a collection of unique polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof.

To study the interaction of the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof with drugs, the microdialysis coupled to HPLC method described by Wang et al., *Chromatographia* 44:205-208(1997) or the affinity capillary electrophoresis method described by Busch et al., *J. Chromatogr.* 777:311-328 (1997).

The system described in U.S. Patent No. 5,654,150, may also be used to identify molecules which interact with the polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs. In this system, pools of extended cDNAs are transcribed and translated *in vitro* and the reaction products are assayed for interaction with a known polypeptide or antibody.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs or portions may be assayed for numerous activities in addition to those specifically enumerated above. For example, the expressed proteins may be evaluated for applications involving control and regulation of inflammation, tumor proliferation or metastasis, infection, or other clinical conditions. In addition, the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may be useful as nutritional agents or cosmetic agents.

The proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may be used to generate antibodies capable of specifically binding to the expressed protein or fragments thereof as described in Example 40 below. The antibodies may be capable of binding a full length protein encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180, a mature protein encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180, or a signal peptide encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID Nos. 134-180. Alternatively, the antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 10 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In some embodiments, the antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 15 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In other embodiments, the antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 25 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In further embodiments, the

antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 40 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

EXAMPLE 40

Production of an Antibody to a Human Protein

Substantially pure protein or polypeptide is isolated from the transfected or transformed cells as described in Example 30. The concentration of protein in the final preparation is adjusted, for example, by concentration on an Amicon filter device, to the level of a few micrograms/ml. Monoclonal or polyclonal antibody to the protein can then be prepared as follows:

A. Monoclonal Antibody Production by Hybridoma Fusion

Monoclonal antibody to epitopes of any of the peptides identified and isolated as described can be prepared from murine hybridomas according to the classical method of Kohler, G. and Milstein, C., *Nature* 256:495 (1975) or derivative methods thereof. Briefly, a mouse is repetitively inoculated with a few micrograms of the selected protein or peptides derived therefrom over a period of a few weeks. The mouse is then sacrificed, and the antibody producing cells of the spleen isolated. The spleen cells are fused by means of polyethylene glycol with mouse myeloma cells, and the excess unfused cells destroyed by growth of the system on selective media comprising aminopterin (HAT media). The successfully fused cells are diluted and aliquots of the dilution placed in wells of a microtiter plate where growth of the culture is continued. Antibody-producing clones are identified by detection of antibody in the supernatant fluid of the wells by immunoassay procedures, such as Elisa, as originally described by Engvall, E., *Meth. Enzymol.* 70:419 (1980), and derivative methods thereof. Selected positive clones can be expanded and their monoclonal antibody product harvested for use. Detailed procedures for monoclonal antibody production are described in Davis, L. et al. *Basic Methods in Molecular Biology* Elsevier, New York. Section 21-2.

B. Polyclonal Antibody Production by Immunization

Polyclonal antiserum containing antibodies to heterogeneous epitopes of a single protein can be prepared by immunizing suitable animals with the expressed protein or peptides derived therefrom described above, which can be unmodified or modified to enhance immunogenicity. Effective polyclonal antibody production is affected by many factors related both to the antigen and the host species. For example, small molecules tend to be less immunogenic than others and may require the use of carriers and adjuvant. Also, host animals vary in response to site of inoculations and dose, with both inadequate or excessive doses of antigen resulting in low titer antisera. Small doses (ng level) of antigen administered at multiple intradermal sites appears to be most reliable. An effective immunization protocol for rabbits can be found in Vaitukaitis, J. et al. *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab.* 33:988-991 (1971).

Booster injections can be given at regular intervals, and antiserum harvested when antibody titer thereof, as determined semi-quantitatively, for example, by double immunodiffusion in agar against known concentrations of the antigen, begins to fall. See, for example, Ouchterlony, O. et al., Chap. 19 in:

Handbook of Experimental Immunology D. Wier (ed) Blackwell (1973). Plateau concentration of antibody is usually in the range of 0.1 to 0.2 mg/ml of serum (about 12 μ M). Affinity of the antisera for the antigen is determined by preparing competitive binding curves, as described, for example, by Fisher, D., Chap. 42 in: *Manual of Clinical Immunology*, 2d Ed. (Rose and Friedman, Eds.) Amer. Soc. For Microbiol., Washington, D.C. (1980).

Antibody preparations prepared according to either protocol are useful in quantitative immunoassays which determine concentrations of antigen-bearing substances in biological samples; they are also used semi-quantitatively or qualitatively to identify the presence of antigen in a biological sample. The antibodies may also be used in therapeutic compositions for killing cells expressing the protein or reducing the levels of the protein in the body.

V. Use of Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof as Reagents

The extended cDNAs of the present invention may be used as reagents in isolation procedures, diagnostic assays, and forensic procedures. For example, sequences from the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be detectably labeled and used as probes to isolate other sequences capable of hybridizing to them. In addition, sequences from the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be used to design PCR primers to be used in isolation, diagnostic, or forensic procedures.

EXAMPLE 41

Preparation of PCR Primers and Amplification of DNA

The extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be used to prepare PCR primers for a variety of applications, including isolation procedures for cloning nucleic acids capable of hybridizing to such sequences, diagnostic techniques and forensic techniques. The PCR primers are at least 10 bases, and preferably at least 12, 15, or 17 bases in length. More preferably, the PCR primers are at least 20-30 bases in length. In some embodiments, the PCR primers may be more than 30 bases in length. It is preferred that the primer pairs have approximately the same G/C ratio, so that melting temperatures are approximately the same. A variety of PCR techniques are familiar to those skilled in the art. For a review of PCR technology, see Molecular Cloning to Genetic Engineering White, B.A. Ed. in *Methods in Molecular Biology* 67: Humana Press, Totowa (1997). In each of these PCR procedures, PCR primers on either side of the nucleic acid sequences to be amplified are added to a suitably prepared nucleic acid sample along with dNTPs and a thermostable polymerase such as Taq polymerase, Pfu polymerase, or Vent polymerase. The nucleic acid in the sample is denatured and the PCR primers are specifically hybridized to complementary nucleic acid sequences in the sample. The hybridized primers are extended. Thereafter, another cycle of denaturation, hybridization, and extension is initiated. The cycles are repeated multiple times to produce an amplified fragment containing the nucleic acid sequence between the primer sites.

EXAMPLE 42Use of Extended cDNAs as Probes

Probes derived from extended cDNAs or portions thereof (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be labeled with detectable labels familiar to those skilled in the art, including radioisotopes and non-radioactive labels, to provide a detectable probe. The detectable probe may be single stranded or double stranded and may be made using techniques known in the art, including in vitro transcription, nick translation, or kinase reactions. A nucleic acid sample containing a sequence capable of hybridizing to the labeled probe is contacted with the labeled probe. If the nucleic acid in the sample is double stranded, it may be denatured prior to contacting the probe. In some applications, the nucleic acid sample may be immobilized on a surface such as a nitrocellulose or nylon membrane. The nucleic acid sample may comprise nucleic acids obtained from a variety of sources, including genomic DNA, cDNA libraries, RNA, or tissue samples.

Procedures used to detect the presence of nucleic acids capable of hybridizing to the detectable probe include well known techniques such as Southern blotting, Northern blotting, dot blotting, colony hybridization, and plaque hybridization. In some applications, the nucleic acid capable of hybridizing to the labeled probe may be cloned into vectors such as expression vectors, sequencing vectors, or in vitro transcription vectors to facilitate the characterization and expression of the hybridizing nucleic acids in the sample. For example, such techniques may be used to isolate and clone sequences in a genomic library or cDNA library which are capable of hybridizing to the detectable probe as described in Example 30 above.

PCR primers made as described in Example 41 above may be used in forensic analyses, such as the DNA fingerprinting techniques described in Examples 43-47 below. Such analyses may utilize detectable probes or primers based on the sequences of the extended cDNAs isolated using the 5' ESTs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom).

EXAMPLE 43Forensic Matching by DNA Sequencing

In one exemplary method, DNA samples are isolated from forensic specimens of, for example, hair, semen, blood or skin cells by conventional methods. A panel of PCR primers based on a number of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom), is then utilized in accordance with Example 41 to amplify DNA of approximately 100-200 bases in length from the forensic specimen. Corresponding sequences are obtained from a test subject. Each of these identification DNAs is then sequenced using standard techniques, and a simple database comparison determines the differences, if any, between the sequences from the subject and those from the sample. Statistically significant differences between the suspect's DNA sequences and those from the sample conclusively prove a lack of identity. This lack of identity can be proven, for example, with only one sequence. Identity, on the other hand, should be demonstrated with a large number of sequences, all matching. Preferably, a minimum of 50 statistically

identical sequences of 100 bases in length are used to prove identity between the suspect and the sample.

EXAMPLE 44

Positive Identification by DNA Sequencing

5 The technique outlined in the previous example may also be used on a larger scale to provide a unique fingerprint-type identification of any individual. In this technique, primers are prepared from a large number of sequences from Table II and the appended sequence listing. Preferably, 20 to 50 different primers are used. These primers are used to obtain a corresponding number of PCR-generated DNA segments from the individual in question in accordance with Example 41. Each of these DNA segments is
10 sequenced, using the methods set forth in Example 43. The database of sequences generated through this procedure uniquely identifies the individual from whom the sequences were obtained. The same panel of primers may then be used at any later time to absolutely correlate tissue or other biological specimen with that individual.

EXAMPLE 45

Southern Blot Forensic Identification

The procedure of Example 44 is repeated to obtain a panel of at least 10 amplified sequences from an individual and a specimen. Preferably, the panel contains at least 50 amplified sequences. More preferably, the panel contains 100 amplified sequences. In some embodiments, the panel contains 200
20 amplified sequences. This PCR-generated DNA is then digested with one or a combination of, preferably, four base specific restriction enzymes. Such enzymes are commercially available and known to those of skill in the art. After digestion, the resultant gene fragments are size separated in multiple duplicate wells on an agarose gel and transferred to nitrocellulose using Southern blotting techniques well known to those with skill in the art. For a review of Southern blotting see Davis et al. *Basic Methods in Molecular Biology*,
25 (1986), Elsevier Press, pp 62-65).

A panel of probes based on the sequences of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom), or fragments thereof of at least 10 bases, are radioactively or colorimetrically labeled using methods known in the art, such as nick translation or end labeling, and hybridized to the Southern blot using techniques known in the art (Davis et al., *supra*). Preferably, the probe comprises at least 12, 15, or 17
30 consecutive nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). More preferably, the probe comprises at least 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). In some embodiments, the probe comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom).

Preferably, at least 5 to 10 of these labeled probes are used, and more preferably at least about 20 or
35 30 are used to provide a unique pattern. The resultant bands appearing from the hybridization of a large sample of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) will be a unique identifier. Since the

restriction enzyme cleavage will be different for every individual, the band pattern on the Southern blot will also be unique. Increasing the number of extended cDNA probes will provide a statistically higher level of confidence in the identification since there will be an increased number of sets of bands used for identification.

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EXAMPLE 46

Dot Blot Identification Procedure

Another technique for identifying individuals using the extended cDNA sequences disclosed herein utilizes a dot blot hybridization technique.

10 Genomic DNA is isolated from nuclei of subject to be identified. Oligonucleotide probes of approximately 30 bp in length are synthesized that correspond to at least 10, preferably 50 sequences from the extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom. The probes are used to hybridize to the genomic DNA through conditions known to those in the art. The oligonucleotides are end labeled with P³² using polynucleotide kinase (Pharmacia). Dot Blots are created by spotting the genomic DNA onto
15 nitrocellulose or the like using a vacuum dot blot manifold (BioRad, Richmond California). The nitrocellulose filter containing the genomic sequences is baked or UV linked to the filter, prehybridized and hybridized with labeled probe using techniques known in the art (Davis et al. *supra*). The ³²P labeled DNA fragments are sequentially hybridized with successively stringent conditions to detect minimal differences between the 30 bp sequence and the DNA. Tetramethylammonium chloride is useful for identifying clones
20 containing small numbers of nucleotide mismatches (Wood et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82(6):1585-1588 (1985)). A unique pattern of dots distinguishes one individual from another individual.

Extended cDNAs or oligonucleotides containing at least 10 consecutive bases from these sequences can be used as probes in the following alternative fingerprinting technique. Preferably, the probe comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable
25 therefrom). More preferably, the probe comprises at least 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). In some embodiments, the probe comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom).

Preferably, a plurality of probes having sequences from different genes are used in the alternative fingerprinting technique. Example 47 below provides a representative alternative fingerprinting procedure
30 in which the probes are derived from extended cDNAs.

EXAMPLE 47

Alternative "Fingerprint" Identification Technique

20-mer oligonucleotides are prepared from a large number, e.g. 50, 100, or 200, of extended
35 cDNA sequences (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) using commercially available oligonucleotide services such as Genset, Paris, France. Cell samples from the test subject are processed for DNA using

techniques well known to those with skill in the art. The nucleic acid is digested with restriction enzymes such as EcoRI and XbaI. Following digestion, samples are applied to wells for electrophoresis. The procedure, as known in the art, may be modified to accommodate polyacrylamide electrophoresis, however in this example, samples containing 5 ug of DNA are loaded into wells and separated on 0.8% agarose gels.

The gels are transferred onto nitrocellulose using standard Southern blotting techniques.

10 ng of each of the oligonucleotides are pooled and end-labeled with P^{32} . The nitrocellulose is prehybridized with blocking solution and hybridized with the labeled probes. Following hybridization and washing, the nitrocellulose filter is exposed to X-Omat AR X-ray film. The resulting hybridization pattern will be unique for each individual.

It is additionally contemplated within this example that the number of probe sequences used can be varied for additional accuracy or clarity.

The antibodies generated in Examples 30 and 40 above may be used to identify the tissue type or cell species from which a sample is derived as described above.

EXAMPLE 48

Identification of Tissue Types or Cell Species by Means of Labeled Tissue Specific Antibodies

Identification of specific tissues is accomplished by the visualization of tissue specific antigens by means of antibody preparations according to Examples 30 and 40 which are conjugated, directly or indirectly to a detectable marker. Selected labeled antibody species bind to their specific antigen binding partner in tissue sections, cell suspensions, or in extracts of soluble proteins from a tissue sample to provide a pattern for qualitative or semi-qualitative interpretation.

Antisera for these procedures must have a potency exceeding that of the native preparation, and for that reason, antibodies are concentrated to a mg/ml level by isolation of the gamma globulin fraction, for example, by ion-exchange chromatography or by ammonium sulfate fractionation. Also, to provide the most specific antisera, unwanted antibodies, for example to common proteins, must be removed from the gamma globulin fraction, for example by means of insoluble immunoabsorbents, before the antibodies are labeled with the marker. Either monoclonal or heterologous antisera is suitable for either procedure.

A. Immunohistochemical Techniques

Purified, high-titer antibodies, prepared as described above, are conjugated to a detectable marker, as described, for example, by Fudenberg, H., Chap. 26 in: *Basic 503 Clinical Immunology*, 3rd Ed. Lange, Los Altos, California (1980) or Rose, N. et al., Chap. 12 in: *Methods in Immunodiagnosis*, 2d Ed. John Wiley 503 Sons, New York (1980).

A fluorescent marker, either fluorescein or rhodamine, is preferred, but antibodies can also be labeled with an enzyme that supports a color producing reaction with a substrate, such as horseradish peroxidase. Markers can be added to tissue-bound antibody in a second step, as described below.

Alternatively, the specific antitissue antibodies can be labeled with ferritin or other electron dense particles, and localization of the ferritin coupled antigen-antibody complexes achieved by means of an electron microscope. In yet another approach, the antibodies are radiolabeled, with, for example ^{125}I , and detected by overlaying the antibody treated preparation with photographic emulsion.

5 Preparations to carry out the procedures can comprise monoclonal or polyclonal antibodies to a single protein or peptide identified as specific to a tissue type, for example, brain tissue, or antibody preparations to several antigenically distinct tissue specific antigens can be used in panels, independently or in mixtures, as required.

10 Tissue sections and cell suspensions are prepared for immunohistochemical examination according to common histological techniques. Multiple cryostat sections (about 4 μm , unfixed) of the unknown tissue and known control, are mounted and each slide covered with different dilutions of the antibody preparation. Sections of known and unknown tissues should also be treated with preparations to provide a positive control, a negative control, for example, pre-immune sera, and a control for non-specific staining, for example, buffer.

15 Treated sections are incubated in a humid chamber for 30 min at room temperature, rinsed, then washed in buffer for 30-45 min. Excess fluid is blotted away, and the marker developed.

If the tissue specific antibody was not labeled in the first incubation, it can be labeled at this time in a second antibody-antibody reaction, for example, by adding fluorescein- or enzyme-conjugated antibody against the immunoglobulin class of the antiserum-producing species, for example, fluorescein labeled antibody to mouse IgG. Such labeled sera are commercially available.

20 The antigen found in the tissues by the above procedure can be quantified by measuring the intensity of color or fluorescence on the tissue section, and calibrating that signal using appropriate standards.

B. Identification of Tissue Specific Soluble Proteins

25 The visualization of tissue specific proteins and identification of unknown tissues from that procedure is carried out using the labeled antibody reagents and detection strategy as described for immunohistochemistry; however the sample is prepared according to an electrophoretic technique to distribute the proteins extracted from the tissue in an orderly array on the basis of molecular weight for detection.

30 A tissue sample is homogenized using a Virtis apparatus; cell suspensions are disrupted by Dounce homogenization or osmotic lysis, using detergents in either case as required to disrupt cell membranes, as is the practice in the art. Insoluble cell components such as nuclei, microsomes, and membrane fragments are removed by ultracentrifugation, and the soluble protein-containing fraction concentrated if necessary and reserved for analysis.

35 A sample of the soluble protein solution is resolved into individual protein species by conventional SDS polyacrylamide electrophoresis as described, for example, by Davis, L. et al., Section 19-2 in: *Basic*

Methods in Molecular Biology (P. Leder, ed), Elsevier, New York (1986), using a range of amounts of polyacrylamide in a set of gels to resolve the entire molecular weight range of proteins to be detected in the sample. A size marker is run in parallel for purposes of estimating molecular weights of the constituent proteins. Sample size for analysis is a convenient volume of from 5 to 55 μ l. and containing from about 1 to 100 μ g protein. An aliquot of each of the resolved proteins is transferred by blotting to a nitrocellulose filter paper, a process that maintains the pattern of resolution. Multiple copies are prepared. The procedure, known as Western Blot Analysis, is well described in Davis, L. et al., (above) Section 19-3. One set of nitrocellulose blots is stained with Coomassie Blue dye to visualize the entire set of proteins for comparison with the antibody bound proteins. The remaining nitrocellulose filters are then incubated with a solution of one or more specific antisera to tissue specific proteins prepared as described in Examples 30 and 40. In this procedure, as in procedure A above, appropriate positive and negative sample and reagent controls are run.

In either procedure A or B, a detectable label can be attached to the primary tissue antigen-primary antibody complex according to various strategies and permutations thereof. In a straightforward approach, the primary specific antibody can be labeled; alternatively, the unlabeled complex can be bound by a labeled secondary anti-IgG antibody. In other approaches, either the primary or secondary antibody is conjugated to a biotin molecule, which can, in a subsequent step, bind an avidin conjugated marker. According to yet another strategy, enzyme labeled or radioactive protein A, which has the property of binding to any IgG, is bound in a final step to either the primary or secondary antibody.

The visualization of tissue specific antigen binding at levels above those seen in control tissues to one or more tissue specific antibodies, prepared from the gene sequences identified from extended cDNA sequences, can identify tissues of unknown origin, for example, forensic samples, or differentiated tumor tissue that has metastasized to foreign bodily sites.

In addition to their applications in forensics and identification, extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be mapped to their chromosomal locations. Example 49 below describes radiation hybrid (RH) mapping of human chromosomal regions using extended cDNAs. Example 50 below describes a representative procedure for mapping an extended cDNA (or a genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to its location on a human chromosome. Example 51 below describes mapping of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) on metaphase chromosomes by Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH).

EXAMPLE 49

Radiation hybrid mapping of Extended cDNAs to the human genome

Radiation hybrid (RH) mapping is a somatic cell genetic approach that can be used for high resolution mapping of the human genome. In this approach, cell lines containing one or more human chromosomes are lethally irradiated, breaking each chromosome into fragments whose size depends on the radiation dose. These fragments are rescued by fusion with cultured rodent cells, yielding subclones

containing different portions of the human genome. This technique is described by Benham et al. *Genomics* 4:509-517 (1989) and Cox et al., *Science* 250:245-250 (1990). The random and independent nature of the subclones permits efficient mapping of any human genome marker. Human DNA isolated from a panel of 80-100 cell lines provides a mapping reagent for ordering extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). In this approach, the frequency of breakage between markers is used to measure distance, allowing construction of fine resolution maps as has been done using conventional ESTs Schuler et al., *Science* 274:540-546 (1996).

RH mapping has been used to generate a high-resolution whole genome radiation hybrid map of human chromosome 17q22-q25.3 across the genes for growth hormone (GH) and thymidine kinase (TK) Foster et al., *Genomics* 33:185-192 (1996), the region surrounding the Gorlin syndrome gene (Obermayr et al., *Eur. J. Hum. Genet.* 4:242-245, 1996), 60 loci covering the entire short arm of chromosome 12 (Raeymakers et al., *Genomics* 29:170-178, (1995)), the region of human chromosome 22 containing the neurofibromatosis type 2 locus (Frazer et al., *Genomics* 14:574-584 (1992)) and 13 loci on the long arm of chromosome 5 (Warrington et al., *Genomics* 11:701-708 (1991)).

EXAMPLE 50

Mapping of Extended cDNAs to Human Chromosomes using PCR techniques

Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be assigned to human chromosomes using PCR based methodologies. In such approaches, oligonucleotide primer pairs are designed from the extended cDNA sequence (or the sequence of a genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to minimize the chance of amplifying through an intron. Preferably, the oligonucleotide primers are 18-23 bp in length and are designed for PCR amplification. The creation of PCR primers from known sequences is well known to those with skill in the art. For a review of PCR technology see Erlich, H.A., *PCR Technology; Principles and Applications for DNA Amplification*. (1992). W.H. Freeman and Co., New York.

The primers are used in polymerase chain reactions (PCR) to amplify templates from total human genomic DNA. PCR conditions are as follows: 60 ng of genomic DNA is used as a template for PCR with 80 ng of each oligonucleotide primer, 0.6 unit of Taq polymerase, and 1 μ Cu of a 32 P-labeled deoxycytidine triphosphate. The PCR is performed in a microplate thermocycler (Techne) under the following conditions: 30 cycles of 94°C, 1.4 min; 55°C, 2 min; and 72°C, 2 min; with a final extension at 72°C for 10 min. The amplified products are analyzed on a 6% polyacrylamide sequencing gel and visualized by autoradiography. If the length of the resulting PCR product is identical to the distance between the ends of the primer sequences in the extended cDNA from which the primers are derived, then the PCR reaction is repeated with DNA templates from two panels of human-rodent somatic cell hybrids, BIOS PCRable DNA (BIOS Corporation) and NIGMS Human-Rodent Somatic Cell Hybrid Mapping Panel Number 1 (NIGMS,

Camden, NJ).

PCR is used to screen a series of somatic cell hybrid cell lines containing defined sets of human chromosomes for the presence of a given extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom). DNA is isolated from the somatic hybrids and used as starting templates for PCR reactions using the primer pairs from the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). Only those somatic cell hybrids with chromosomes containing the human gene corresponding to the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) will yield an amplified fragment. The extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are assigned to a chromosome by analysis of the segregation pattern of PCR products from the somatic hybrid DNA templates. The single human chromosome present in all cell hybrids that give rise to an amplified fragment is the chromosome containing that extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom). For a review of techniques and analysis of results from somatic cell gene mapping experiments. (See Ledbetter et al., *Genomics* 6:475-481 (1990).)

Alternatively, the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be mapped to individual chromosomes using FISH as described in Example 51 below.

EXAMPLE 51

Mapping of Extended 5' ESTs to Chromosomes

Using Fluorescence in situ Hybridization

Fluorescence in situ hybridization allows the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to be mapped to a particular location on a given chromosome. The chromosomes to be used for fluorescence in situ hybridization techniques may be obtained from a variety of sources including cell cultures, tissues, or whole blood.

In a preferred embodiment, chromosomal localization of an extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) is obtained by FISH as described by Cherif et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, 87:6639-6643 (1990). Metaphase chromosomes are prepared from phytohemagglutinin (PHA)-stimulated blood cell donors. PHA-stimulated lymphocytes from healthy males are cultured for 72 h in RPMI-1640 medium. For synchronization, methotrexate (10 μ M) is added for 17 h, followed by addition of 5-bromodeoxyuridine (5-BudR, 0.1 mM) for 6 h. Colcemid (1 μ g/ml) is added for the last 15 min before harvesting the cells. Cells are collected, washed in RPMI, incubated with a hypotonic solution of KCl (75 mM) at 37°C for 15 min and fixed in three changes of methanol:acetic acid (3:1). The cell suspension is dropped onto a glass slide and air dried. The extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) is labeled with biotin-16 dUTP by nick translation according to the manufacturer's instructions (Bethesda Research Laboratories, Bethesda, MD), purified using a Sephadex G-50 column (Pharmacia, Upssala, Sweden) and precipitated. Just prior to hybridization, the DNA pellet is dissolved in hybridization buffer (50% formamide, 2 X SSC, 10% dextran sulfate, 1 mg/ml sonicated salmon sperm DNA, pH 7) and the probe is denatured at 70°C for 5-10 min.

Slides kept at -20°C are treated for 1 h at 37°C with RNase A (100 µg/ml), rinsed three times in 2 X SSC and dehydrated in an ethanol series. Chromosome preparations are denatured in 70% formamide, 2 X SSC for 2 min at 70°C, then dehydrated at 4°C. The slides are treated with proteinase K (10 µg/100 ml in 20 mM Tris-HCl, 2 mM CaCl₂) at 37°C for 8 min and dehydrated. The hybridization mixture containing the probe is placed on the slide, covered with a coverslip, sealed with rubber cement and incubated overnight in a humid chamber at 37°C. After hybridization and post-hybridization washes, the biotinylated probe is detected by avidin-FITC and amplified with additional layers of biotinylated goat anti-avidin and avidin-FITC. For chromosomal localization, fluorescent R-bands are obtained as previously described (Cherif et al., *supra*). The slides are observed under a LEICA fluorescence microscope (DMRXA). Chromosomes are counterstained with propidium iodide and the fluorescent signal of the probe appears as two symmetrical yellow-green spots on both chromatids of the fluorescent R-band chromosome (red). Thus, a particular extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) may be localized to a particular cytogenetic R-band on a given chromosome.

Once the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) have been assigned to particular chromosomes using the techniques described in Examples 49-51 above, they may be utilized to construct a high resolution map of the chromosomes on which they are located or to identify the chromosomes in a sample.

EXAMPLE 52

Use of Extended cDNAs to Construct or Expand Chromosome Maps

Chromosome mapping involves assigning a given unique sequence to a particular chromosome as described above. Once the unique sequence has been mapped to a given chromosome, it is ordered relative to other unique sequences located on the same chromosome. One approach to chromosome mapping utilizes a series of yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs) bearing several thousand long inserts derived from the chromosomes of the organism from which the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are obtained. This approach is described in Ramaiah Nagaraja et al. *Genome Research* 7:210-222, (March, 1997). Briefly, in this approach each chromosome is broken into overlapping pieces which are inserted into the YAC vector. The YAC inserts are screened using PCR or other methods to determine whether they include the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) whose position is to be determined. Once an insert has been found which includes the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom), the insert can be analyzed by PCR or other methods to determine whether the insert also contains other sequences known to be on the chromosome or in the region from which the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) was derived. This process can be repeated for each insert in the YAC library to determine the location of each of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) relative to one another and to other known chromosomal markers. In this way, a high resolution map of the distribution of numerous unique markers along each of the organisms chromosomes may be

obtained.

As described in Example 53 below extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may also be used to identify genes associated with a particular phenotype, such as hereditary disease or drug response.

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EXAMPLE 53

Identification of genes associated with hereditary diseases or drug response

This example illustrates an approach useful for the association of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) with particular phenotypic characteristics. In this example, a particular
10 extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) is used as a test probe to associate that extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) with a particular phenotypic characteristic.

Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are mapped to a particular location on a human chromosome using techniques such as those described in Examples 49 and 50 or other techniques known in the art. A search of Mendelian Inheritance in Man (V. McKusick, *Mendelian Inheritance in Man*
15 (available on line through Johns Hopkins University Welch Medical Library) reveals the region of the human chromosome which contains the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to be a very gene rich region containing several known genes and several diseases or phenotypes for which genes have not been identified. The gene corresponding to this extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) thus becomes an immediate candidate for each of these genetic diseases.

20 Cells from patients with these diseases or phenotypes are isolated and expanded in culture. PCR primers from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) are used to screen genomic DNA, mRNA or cDNA obtained from the patients. Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) that are not amplified in the patients can be positively associated with a particular disease by further analysis. Alternatively, the PCR analysis may yield fragments of different lengths when the samples
25 are derived from an individual having the phenotype associated with the disease than when the sample is derived from a healthy individual, indicating that the gene containing the extended cDNA may be responsible for the genetic disease.

VI. Use of Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) to Construct Vectors

The present extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may also be used to
30 construct secretion vectors capable of directing the secretion of the proteins encoded by genes inserted in the vectors. Such secretion vectors may facilitate the purification or enrichment of the proteins encoded by genes inserted therein by reducing the number of background proteins from which the desired protein must be purified or enriched. Exemplary secretion vectors are described in Example 54 below.

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EXAMPLE 54

Construction of Secretion Vectors

The secretion vectors of the present invention include a promoter capable of directing gene expression in the host cell, tissue, or organism of interest. Such promoters include the Rous Sarcoma Virus promoter, the SV40 promoter, the human cytomegalovirus promoter, and other promoters familiar to those skilled in the art.

A signal sequence from an extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom), such as one of the signal sequences in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII above, is operably linked to the promoter such that the mRNA transcribed from the promoter will direct the translation of the signal peptide.

The host cell, tissue, or organism may be any cell, tissue, or organism which recognizes the signal peptide encoded by the signal sequence in the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom). Suitable hosts include mammalian cells, tissues or organisms, avian cells, tissues, or organisms, insect cells, tissues or organisms, or yeast.

In addition, the secretion vector contains cloning sites for inserting genes encoding the proteins which are to be secreted. The cloning sites facilitate the cloning of the insert gene in frame with the signal sequence such that a fusion protein in which the signal peptide is fused to the protein encoded by the inserted gene is expressed from the mRNA transcribed from the promoter. The signal peptide directs the extracellular secretion of the fusion protein.

The secretion vector may be DNA or RNA and may integrate into the chromosome of the host, be stably maintained as an extrachromosomal replicon in the host, be an artificial chromosome, or be transiently present in the host. Many nucleic acid backbones suitable for use as secretion vectors are known to those skilled in the art, including retroviral vectors, SV40 vectors, Bovine Papilloma Virus vectors, yeast integrating plasmids, yeast episomal plasmids, yeast artificial chromosomes, human artificial chromosomes, P element vectors, baculovirus vectors, or bacterial plasmids capable of being transiently introduced into the host.

The secretion vector may also contain a polyA signal such that the polyA signal is located downstream of the gene inserted into the secretion vector.

After the gene encoding the protein for which secretion is desired is inserted into the secretion vector, the secretion vector is introduced into the host cell, tissue, or organism using calcium phosphate precipitation, DEAE-Dextran, electroporation, liposome-mediated transfection, viral particles or as naked DNA. The protein encoded by the inserted gene is then purified or enriched from the supernatant using conventional techniques such as ammonium sulfate precipitation, immunoprecipitation, immunochromatography, size exclusion chromatography, ion exchange chromatography, and hplc. Alternatively, the secreted protein may be in a sufficiently enriched or pure state in the supernatant or growth media of the host to permit it to be used for its intended purpose without further enrichment.

The signal sequences may also be inserted into vectors designed for gene therapy. In such vectors,

the signal sequence is operably linked to a promoter such that mRNA transcribed from the promoter encodes the signal peptide. A cloning site is located downstream of the signal sequence such that a gene encoding a protein whose secretion is desired may readily be inserted into the vector and fused to the signal sequence. The vector is introduced into an appropriate host cell. The protein expressed from the promoter is secreted extracellularly, thereby producing a therapeutic effect.

The extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs may also be used to clone sequences located upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs which are capable of regulating gene expression, including promoter sequences, enhancer sequences, and other upstream sequences which influence transcription or translation levels. Once identified and cloned, these upstream regulatory sequences may be used in expression vectors designed to direct the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial, temporal, developmental, or quantitative fashion. Example 55 describes a method for cloning sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs.

EXAMPLE 55

Use of Extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs to Clone Upstream

Sequences from Genomic DNA

Sequences derived from extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs may be used to isolate the promoters of the corresponding genes using chromosome walking techniques. In one chromosome walking technique, which utilizes the GenomeWalker™ kit available from Clontech, five complete genomic DNA samples are each digested with a different restriction enzyme which has a 6 base recognition site and leaves a blunt end. Following digestion, oligonucleotide adapters are ligated to each end of the resulting genomic DNA fragments.

For each of the five genomic DNA libraries, a first PCR reaction is performed according to the manufacturer's instructions using an outer adaptor primer provided in the kit and an outer gene specific primer. The gene specific primer should be selected to be specific for the extended cDNA or 5' EST of interest and should have a melting temperature, length, and location in the extended cDNA or 5' EST which is consistent with its use in PCR reactions. Each first PCR reaction contains 5ng of genomic DNA, 5 µl of 10X Tth reaction buffer, 0.2 mM of each dNTP, 0.2 µM each of outer adaptor primer and outer gene specific primer, 1.1 mM of Mg(OAc)₂, and 1 µl of the Tth polymerase 50X mix in a total volume of 50 µl. The reaction cycle for the first PCR reaction is as follows: 1 min - 94°C / 2 sec - 94°C, 3 min - 72°C (7 cycles) / 2 sec - 94°C, 3 min - 67°C (32 cycles) / 5 min - 67°C.

The product of the first PCR reaction is diluted and used as a template for a second PCR reaction according to the manufacturer's instructions using a pair of nested primers which are located internally on the amplicon resulting from the first PCR reaction. For example, 5 µl of the reaction product of the first PCR reaction mixture may be diluted 180 times. Reactions are made in a 50 µl volume having a composition identical to that of the first PCR reaction except the nested primers are used. The first nested

primer is specific for the adaptor, and is provided with the GenomeWalker™ kit. The second nested primer is specific for the particular extended cDNA or 5' EST for which the promoter is to be cloned and should have a melting temperature, length, and location in the extended cDNA or 5' EST which is consistent with its use in PCR reactions. The reaction parameters of the second PCR reaction are as follows: 1 min - 94°C /
5 2 sec - 94°C, 3 min - 72°C (6 cycles) / 2 sec - 94°C, 3 min - 67°C (25 cycles) / 5 min - 67°C

The product of the second PCR reaction is purified, cloned, and sequenced using standard techniques. Alternatively, two or more human genomic DNA libraries can be constructed by using two or more restriction enzymes. The digested genomic DNA is cloned into vectors which can be converted into single stranded, circular, or linear DNA. A biotinylated oligonucleotide comprising at least 15 nucleotides
10 from the extended cDNA or 5' EST sequence is hybridized to the single stranded DNA. Hybrids between the biotinylated oligonucleotide and the single stranded DNA containing the extended cDNA or EST sequence are isolated as described in Example 29 above. Thereafter, the single stranded DNA containing the extended cDNA or EST sequence is released from the beads and converted into double stranded DNA using a primer specific for the extended cDNA or 5' EST sequence or a primer corresponding to a sequence
15 included in the cloning vector. The resulting double stranded DNA is transformed into bacteria. DNAs containing the 5' EST or extended cDNA sequences are identified by colony PCR or colony hybridization.

Once the upstream genomic sequences have been cloned and sequenced as described above, prospective promoters and transcription start sites within the upstream sequences may be identified by comparing the sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs with databases containing known
20 transcription start sites, transcription factor binding sites, or promoter sequences.

In addition, promoters in the upstream sequences may be identified using promoter reporter vectors as described in Example 56.

EXAMPLE 56

Identification of Promoters in Cloned Upstream Sequences

The genomic sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs are cloned into a suitable promoter reporter vector, such as the pSEAP-Basic, pSEAP-Enhancer, pβgal-Basic, pβgal-Enhancer, or pEGFP-1 Promoter Reporter vectors available from Clontech. Briefly, each of these promoter reporter vectors include multiple cloning sites positioned upstream of a reporter gene encoding a readily assayable
30 protein such as secreted alkaline phosphatase, β galactosidase, or green fluorescent protein. The sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs are inserted into the cloning sites upstream of the reporter gene in both orientations and introduced into an appropriate host cell. The level of reporter protein is assayed and compared to the level obtained from a vector which lacks an insert in the cloning site. The presence of an elevated expression level in the vector containing the insert with respect to the control vector indicates
35 the presence of a promoter in the insert. If necessary, the upstream sequences can be cloned into vectors which contain an enhancer for augmenting transcription levels from weak promoter sequences. A

significant level of expression above that observed with the vector lacking an insert indicates that a promoter sequence is present in the inserted upstream sequence.

Appropriate host cells for the promoter reporter vectors may be chosen based on the results of the above described determination of expression patterns of the extended cDNAs and ESTs. For example, if the expression pattern analysis indicates that the mRNA corresponding to a particular extended cDNA or 5' EST is expressed in fibroblasts, the promoter reporter vector may be introduced into a human fibroblast cell line.

Promoter sequences within the upstream genomic DNA may be further defined by constructing nested deletions in the upstream DNA using conventional techniques such as Exonuclease III digestion. The resulting deletion fragments can be inserted into the promoter reporter vector to determine whether the deletion has reduced or obliterated promoter activity. In this way, the boundaries of the promoters may be defined. If desired, potential individual regulatory sites within the promoter may be identified using site directed mutagenesis or linker scanning to obliterate potential transcription factor binding sites within the promoter individually or in combination. The effects of these mutations on transcription levels may be determined by inserting the mutations into the cloning sites in the promoter reporter vectors.

EXAMPLE 57

Cloning and Identification of Promoters

Using the method described in Example 55 above with 5' ESTs, sequences upstream of several genes were obtained. Using the primer pairs GGG AAG ATG GAG ATA GTA TTG CCT G (SEQ ID NO:29) and CTG CCA TGT ACA TGA TAG AGA GAT TC (SEQ ID NO:30), the promoter having the internal designation P13H2 (SEQ ID NO:31) was obtained.

Using the primer pairs GTA CCA GGGG ACT GTG ACC ATT GC (SEQ ID NO:32) and CTG TGA CCA TTG CTC CCA AGA GAG (SEQ ID NO:33), the promoter having the internal designation P15B4 (SEQ ID NO:34) was obtained.

Using the primer pairs CTG GGA TGG AAG GCA CGG TA (SEQ ID NO:35) and GAG ACC ACA CAG CTA GAC AA (SEQ ID NO:36), the promoter having the internal designation P29B6 (SEQ ID NO:37) was obtained.

Figure 7 provides a schematic description of the promoters isolated and the way they are assembled with the corresponding 5' tags. The upstream sequences were screened for the presence of motifs resembling transcription factor binding sites or known transcription start sites using the computer program MatInspector release 2.0, August 1996.

Figure 8 describes the transcription factor binding sites present in each of these promoters. The columns labeled matrices provides the name of the MatInspector matrix used. The column labeled position provides the 5' position of the promoter site. Numeration of the sequence starts from the transcription site as determined by matching the genomic sequence with the 5' EST sequence. The column labeled

"orientation" indicates the DNA strand on which the site is found, with the + strand being the coding strand as determined by matching the genomic sequence with the sequence of the 5' EST. The column labeled "score" provides the MatInspector score found for this site. The column labeled "length" provides the length of the site in nucleotides. The column labeled "sequence" provides the sequence of the site found.

5 The promoters and other regulatory sequences located upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs may be used to design expression vectors capable of directing the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial, temporal, developmental, or quantitative manner. A promoter capable of directing the desired spatial, temporal, developmental, and quantitative patterns may be selected using the results of the expression analysis described in Example 26 above. For example, if a promoter which confers a high level
10 of expression in muscle is desired, the promoter sequence upstream of an extended cDNA or 5' EST derived from an mRNA which is expressed at a high level in muscle, as determined by the method of Example 26, may be used in the expression vector.

Preferably, the desired promoter is placed near multiple restriction sites to facilitate the cloning of the desired insert downstream of the promoter, such that the promoter is able to drive expression of the
15 inserted gene. The promoter may be inserted in conventional nucleic acid backbones designed for extrachromosomal replication, integration into the host chromosomes or transient expression. Suitable backbones for the present expression vectors include retroviral backbones, backbones from eukaryotic episomes such as SV40 or Bovine Papilloma Virus, backbones from bacterial episomes, or artificial chromosomes.

20 Preferably, the expression vectors also include a polyA signal downstream of the multiple restriction sites for directing the polyadenylation of mRNA transcribed from the gene inserted into the expression vector.

Following the identification of promoter sequences using the procedures of Examples 55-57, proteins which interact with the promoter may be identified as described in Example 58 below.

EXAMPLE 58

Identification of Proteins Which Interact with Promoter Sequences,

Upstream Regulatory Sequences, or mRNA

Sequences within the promoter region which are likely to bind transcription factors may be
30 identified by homology to known transcription factor binding sites or through conventional mutagenesis or deletion analyses of reporter plasmids containing the promoter sequence. For example, deletions may be made in a reporter plasmid containing the promoter sequence of interest operably linked to an assayable reporter gene. The reporter plasmids carrying various deletions within the promoter region are transfected into an appropriate host cell and the effects of the deletions on expression levels is assessed. Transcription
35 factor binding sites within the regions in which deletions reduce expression levels may be further localized using site directed mutagenesis, linker scanning analysis, or other techniques familiar to those skilled in the

art. Nucleic acids encoding proteins which interact with sequences in the promoter may be identified using one-hybrid systems such as those described in the manual accompanying the Matchmaker One-Hybrid System kit available from Clontech (Catalog No. K1603-1). Briefly, the Matchmaker One-hybrid system is used as follows. The target sequence for which it is desired to identify binding proteins is cloned upstream of a selectable reporter gene and integrated into the yeast genome. Preferably, multiple copies of the target sequences are inserted into the reporter plasmid in tandem.

A library comprised of fusions between cDNAs to be evaluated for the ability to bind to the promoter and the activation domain of a yeast transcription factor, such as GAL4, is transformed into the yeast strain containing the integrated reporter sequence. The yeast are plated on selective media to select cells expressing the selectable marker linked to the promoter sequence. The colonies which grow on the selective media contain genes encoding proteins which bind the target sequence. The inserts in the genes encoding the fusion proteins are further characterized by sequencing. In addition, the inserts may be inserted into expression vectors or in vitro transcription vectors. Binding of the polypeptides encoded by the inserts to the promoter DNA may be confirmed by techniques familiar to those skilled in the art, such as gel shift analysis or DNase protection analysis.

VII. Use of Extended cDNAs (or Genomic DNAs Obtainable Therefrom) in Gene Therapy

The present invention also comprises the use of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) in gene therapy strategies, including antisense and triple helix strategies as described in Examples 57 and 58 below. In antisense approaches, nucleic acid sequences complementary to an mRNA are hybridized to the mRNA intracellularly, thereby blocking the expression of the protein encoded by the mRNA. The antisense sequences may prevent gene expression through a variety of mechanisms. For example, the antisense sequences may inhibit the ability of ribosomes to translate the mRNA. Alternatively, the antisense sequences may block transport of the mRNA from the nucleus to the cytoplasm, thereby limiting the amount of mRNA available for translation. Another mechanism through which antisense sequences may inhibit gene expression is by interfering with mRNA splicing. In yet another strategy, the antisense nucleic acid may be incorporated in a ribozyme capable of specifically cleaving the target mRNA.

EXAMPLE 59

Preparation and Use of Antisense Oligonucleotides

The antisense nucleic acid molecules to be used in gene therapy may be either DNA or RNA sequences. They may comprise a sequence complementary to the sequence of the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom). The antisense nucleic acids should have a length and melting temperature sufficient to permit formation of an intracellular duplex having sufficient stability to inhibit the expression of the mRNA in the duplex. Strategies for designing antisense nucleic acids suitable for use in gene therapy are disclosed in Green et al., *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* 55:569-597 (1986) and Izant and Weintraub, *Cell* 36:1007-1015 (1984).

In some strategies, antisense molecules are obtained from a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein by reversing the orientation of the coding region with respect to a promoter so as to transcribe the opposite strand from that which is normally transcribed in the cell. The antisense molecules may be transcribed using in vitro transcription systems such as those which employ T7 or SP6 polymerase to generate the transcript. Another approach involves transcription of the antisense nucleic acids in vivo by operably linking DNA containing the antisense sequence to a promoter in an expression vector.

Alternatively, oligonucleotides which are complementary to the strand normally transcribed in the cell may be synthesized in vitro. Thus, the antisense nucleic acids are complementary to the corresponding mRNA and are capable of hybridizing to the mRNA to create a duplex. In some embodiments, the antisense sequences may contain modified sugar phosphate backbones to increase stability and make them less sensitive to RNase activity. Examples of modifications suitable for use in antisense strategies are described by Rossi et al., *Pharmacol. Ther.* 50(2):245-254 (1991).

Various types of antisense oligonucleotides complementary to the sequence of the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) may be used. In one preferred embodiment, stable and semi-stable antisense oligonucleotides described in International Application No. PCT WO94/23026 are used. In these molecules, the 3' end or both the 3' and 5' ends are engaged in intramolecular hydrogen bonding between complementary base pairs. These molecules are better able to withstand exonuclease attacks and exhibit increased stability compared to conventional antisense oligonucleotides.

In another preferred embodiment, the antisense oligodeoxynucleotides against herpes simplex virus types 1 and 2 described in International Application No. WO 95/04141, are used.

In yet another preferred embodiment, the covalently cross-linked antisense oligonucleotides described in International Application No. WO 96/31523, are used. These double- or single-stranded oligonucleotides comprise one or more, respectively, inter- or intra-oligonucleotide covalent cross-linkages, wherein the linkage consists of an amide bond between a primary amine group of one strand and a carboxyl group of the other strand or of the same strand, respectively, the primary amine group being directly substituted in the 2' position of the strand nucleotide monosaccharide ring, and the carboxyl group being carried by an aliphatic spacer group substituted on a nucleotide or nucleotide analog of the other strand or the same strand, respectively.

The antisense oligodeoxynucleotides and oligonucleotides disclosed in International Application No. WO 92/18522, may also be used. These molecules are stable to degradation and contain at least one transcription control recognition sequence which binds to control proteins and are effective as decoys therefor. These molecules may contain "hairpin" structures, "dumbbell" structures, "modified dumbbell" structures, "cross-linked" decoy structures and "loop" structures.

In another preferred embodiment, the cyclic double-stranded oligonucleotides described in European Patent Application No. 0 572 287 A2 are used. These ligated oligonucleotide "dumbbells" contain the binding site for a transcription factor and inhibit expression of the gene under control of the

transcription factor by sequestering the factor.

Use of the closed antisense oligonucleotides disclosed in International Application No. WO 92/19732, is also contemplated. Because these molecules have no free ends, they are more resistant to degradation by exonucleases than are conventional oligonucleotides. These oligonucleotides may be multifunctional, interacting with several regions which are not adjacent to the target mRNA.

The appropriate level of antisense nucleic acids required to inhibit gene expression may be determined using in vitro expression analysis. The antisense molecule may be introduced into the cells by diffusion, injection, infection or transfection using procedures known in the art. For example, the antisense nucleic acids can be introduced into the body as a bare or naked oligonucleotide, oligonucleotide encapsulated in lipid, oligonucleotide sequence encapsidated by viral protein, or as an oligonucleotide operably linked to a promoter contained in an expression vector. The expression vector may be any of a variety of expression vectors known in the art, including retroviral or viral vectors, vectors capable of extrachromosomal replication, or integrating vectors. The vectors may be DNA or RNA.

The antisense molecules are introduced onto cell samples at a number of different concentrations preferably between $1 \times 10^{-10} \text{M}$ to $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$. Once the minimum concentration that can adequately control gene expression is identified, the optimized dose is translated into a dosage suitable for use in vivo. For example, an inhibiting concentration in culture of 1×10^{-7} translates into a dose of approximately 0.6 mg/kg bodyweight. Levels of oligonucleotide approaching 100 mg/kg bodyweight or higher may be possible after testing the toxicity of the oligonucleotide in laboratory animals. It is additionally contemplated that cells from the vertebrate are removed, treated with the antisense oligonucleotide, and reintroduced into the vertebrate.

It is further contemplated that the antisense oligonucleotide sequence is incorporated into a ribozyme sequence to enable the antisense to specifically bind and cleave its target mRNA. For technical applications of ribozyme and antisense oligonucleotides see Rossi et al., *supra*.

In a preferred application of this invention, the polypeptide encoded by the gene is first identified, so that the effectiveness of antisense inhibition on translation can be monitored using techniques that include but are not limited to antibody-mediated tests such as RIAs and ELISA, functional assays, or radiolabeling.

The extended cDNAs of the present invention (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may also be used in gene therapy approaches based on intracellular triple helix formation. Triple helix oligonucleotides are used to inhibit transcription from a genome. They are particularly useful for studying alterations in cell activity as it is associated with a particular gene. The extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) of the present invention or, more preferably, a portion of those sequences, can be used to inhibit gene expression in individuals having diseases associated with expression of a particular gene. Similarly, a portion of the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) can be used to study the effect of inhibiting transcription of a particular gene within a cell. Traditionally, homopurine

sequences were considered the most useful for triple helix strategies. However, homopyrimidine sequences can also inhibit gene expression. Such homopyrimidine oligonucleotides bind to the major groove at homopurine:homopyrimidine sequences. Thus, both types of sequences from the extended cDNA or from the gene corresponding to the extended cDNA are contemplated within the scope of this invention.

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EXAMPLE 60

Preparation and use of Triple Helix Probes

The sequences of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are scanned to identify 10-mer to 20-mer homopyrimidine or homopurine stretches which could be used in triple-helix based strategies for inhibiting gene expression. Following identification of candidate homopyrimidine or homopurine stretches, their efficiency in inhibiting gene expression is assessed by introducing varying amounts of oligonucleotides containing the candidate sequences into tissue culture cells which normally express the target gene. The oligonucleotides may be prepared on an oligonucleotide synthesizer or they may be purchased commercially from a company specializing in custom oligonucleotide synthesis, such as GENSET, Paris, France.

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The oligonucleotides may be introduced into the cells using a variety of methods known to those skilled in the art, including but not limited to calcium phosphate precipitation, DEAE-Dextran, electroporation, liposome-mediated transfection or native uptake.

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Treated cells are monitored for altered cell function or reduced gene expression using techniques such as Northern blotting, RNase protection assays, or PCR based strategies to monitor the transcription levels of the target gene in cells which have been treated with the oligonucleotide. The cell functions to be monitored are predicted based upon the homologies of the target gene corresponding to the extended cDNA from which the oligonucleotide was derived with known gene sequences that have been associated with a particular function. The cell functions can also be predicted based on the presence of abnormal physiologies within cells derived from individuals with a particular inherited disease, particularly when the extended cDNA is associated with the disease using techniques described in Example 53.

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The oligonucleotides which are effective in inhibiting gene expression in tissue culture cells may then be introduced in vivo using the techniques described above and in Example 59 at a dosage calculated based on the in vitro results, as described in Example 59.

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In some embodiments, the natural (beta) anomers of the oligonucleotide units can be replaced with alpha anomers to render the oligonucleotide more resistant to nucleases. Further, an intercalating agent such as ethidium bromide, or the like, can be attached to the 3' end of the alpha oligonucleotide to stabilize the triple helix. For information on the generation of oligonucleotides suitable for triple helix formation see Griffin et al. *Science* 245:967-971 (1989).

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EXAMPLE 61

Use of Extended cDNAs to Express an Encoded Protein in a Host Organism

The extended cDNAs of the present invention may also be used to express an encoded protein in a host organism to produce a beneficial effect. In such procedures, the encoded protein may be transiently expressed in the host organism or stably expressed in the host organism. The encoded protein may have any of the activities described above. The encoded protein may be a protein which the host organism lacks or, alternatively, the encoded protein may augment the existing levels of the protein in the host organism.

A full length extended cDNA encoding the signal peptide and the mature protein, or an extended cDNA encoding only the mature protein is introduced into the host organism. The extended cDNA may be introduced into the host organism using a variety of techniques known to those of skill in the art. For example, the extended cDNA may be injected into the host organism as naked DNA such that the encoded protein is expressed in the host organism, thereby producing a beneficial effect.

Alternatively, the extended cDNA may be cloned into an expression vector downstream of a promoter which is active in the host organism. The expression vector may be any of the expression vectors designed for use in gene therapy, including viral or retroviral vectors.

The expression vector may be directly introduced into the host organism such that the encoded protein is expressed in the host organism to produce a beneficial effect. In another approach, the expression vector may be introduced into cells *in vitro*. Cells containing the expression vector are thereafter selected and introduced into the host organism, where they express the encoded protein to produce a beneficial effect.

EXAMPLE 62

Use Of Signal Peptides Encoded By 5' Ests Or SequencesObtained Therefrom To Import Proteins Into Cells

The short core hydrophobic region (h) of signal peptides encoded by the 5'ESTS or extended cDNAs derived from the 5'ESTs of the present invention may also be used as a carrier to import a peptide or a protein of interest, so-called cargo, into tissue culture cells (Lin *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 270: 14225-14258 (1995); Du *et al.*, *J. Peptide Res.*, 51: 235-243 (1998); Rojas *et al.*, *Nature Biotech.*, 16: 370-375 (1998)).

When cell permeable peptides of limited size (approximately up to 25 amino acids) are to be translocated across cell membrane, chemical synthesis may be used in order to add the h region to either the C-terminus or the N-terminus to the cargo peptide of interest. Alternatively, when longer peptides or proteins are to be imported into cells, nucleic acids can be genetically engineered, using techniques familiar to those skilled in the art, in order to link the extended cDNA sequence encoding the h region to the 5' or the 3' end of a DNA sequence coding for a cargo polypeptide. Such genetically engineered nucleic acids are then translated either *in vitro* or *in vivo* after transfection into appropriate cells, using conventional

techniques to produce the resulting cell permeable polypeptide. Suitable hosts cells are then simply incubated with the cell permeable polypeptide which is then translocated across the membrane.

This method may be applied to study diverse intracellular functions and cellular processes. For instance, it has been used to probe functionally relevant domains of intracellular proteins and to examine protein-protein interactions involved in signal transduction pathways (Lin *et al.*, *supra*; Lin *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, **271**: 5305-5308 (1996); Rojas *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, **271**: 27456-27461 (1996); Liu *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **93**: 11819-11824 (1996); Rojas *et al.*, *Bioch. Biophys. Res. Commun.*, **234**: 675-680 (1997)).

Such techniques may be used in cellular therapy to import proteins producing therapeutic effects. For instance, cells isolated from a patient may be treated with imported therapeutic proteins and then re-introduced into the host organism.

Alternatively, the h region of signal peptides of the present invention could be used in combination with a nuclear localization signal to deliver nucleic acids into cell nucleus. Such oligonucleotides may be antisense oligonucleotides or oligonucleotides designed to form triple helixes, as described in examples 59 and 60 respectively, in order to inhibit processing and maturation of a target cellular RNA.

EXAMPLE 63

Reassembling & Resequencing of Clones

Further study of the clones reported in SEQ ID NOs: 40 to 86 revealed a series of abnormalities. As a result, the clones were resequenced twice, reanalyzed and the open reading frames were reassigned. The corrected nucleotide sequences have been disclosed in SEQ ID NOs: 134 to 180 and the predicted amino acid sequences for the corresponding polypeptides have also been corrected and disclosed in SEQ ID NOs: 181 to 227. The corrected sequences have been placed in the Sequence Listing in the same order as the original sequences from which they were derived.

After this reanalysis process a few apparent abnormalities persisted. The sequences presented in SEQ ID NOs: 134, 149, 151, and 164 are apparently unlikely to be genuine full length cDNAs. These clones are missing a stop codon and are thus more probably 3' truncated cDNA sequences. Similarly, the sequences presented in SEQ ID NOs: 145, 155, and 166 may also not be genuine full length cDNAs based on homology studies with existing protein sequences. Although both of these sequences encode a potential start methionine each could represent of 5' truncated cDNA.

In addition, after the reassignment of open reading frames for the clones, new open reading frames were chosen in some instances. In case of SEQ ID NOs: 135, 149, 155, 160, 166, 171, and 175 the new open reading frames were no longer predicted to contain a signal peptide.

Table VII provides the sequence identification numbers of the extended cDNAs of the present invention, the locations of the full coding sequences in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 (i.e. the nucleotides encoding both the signal peptide and the mature protein, listed under the heading FCS location in Table VII), the

locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode the signal peptides (listed under the heading SigPep Location in Table VII), the locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode the mature proteins generated by cleavage of the signal peptides (listed under the heading Mature Polypeptide Location in Table VII), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 of stop codons (listed under the heading Stop Codon Location in Table VII), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 of polyA signals (listed under the heading PolyA Signal Location in Table VII) and the locations of polyA sites (listed under the heading PolyA Site Location in Table VII).

Table VIII lists the sequence identification numbers of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227, the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 in the full length polypeptide (second column), the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 in the signal peptides (third column), and the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 in the mature polypeptide created by cleaving the signal peptide from the full length polypeptide (fourth column). In Table VIII, and in the appended sequence listing, the first amino acid of the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1 and the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated with the appropriate negative number, in accordance with the regulations governing sequence listings.

EXAMPLE 64

Functional Analysis of Predicted Protein Sequences

Following double-sequencing, new contigs were assembled for each of the extended cDNAs of the present invention and each was compared to known sequences available at the time of filing. These sequences originate from the following databases : Genbank (release 108 and daily releases up to October, 15, 1998), Genseq (release 32) PIR (release 53) and Swissprot (release 35). The predicted proteins of the present invention matching known proteins were further classified into 3 categories depending on the level of homology.

It should be noted that the numbering of amino acids in the protein sequences discussed in Figures 9 to 16, and Table VI, the first methionine encountered is designated as amino acid number 1. In the appended sequence listing, the first amino acid of the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1 and the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated with the appropriate negative number, in accordance with the regulations governing sequence listings.

The first category contains proteins of the present invention exhibiting more than 90% identical amino acid residues on the whole length of the matched protein. They are clearly close homologues which most probably have the same function or a very similar function as the matched protein.

The second category contains proteins of the present invention exhibiting more remote homologies (40 to 90% over the whole protein) indicating that the protein of the present invention is

susceptible to have functions similar to those of matched protein.

The third category contains proteins exhibiting high homology (90 to 100%) to a domain of a known protein indicating that the matched protein and the protein of the invention may share similar features.

5 In addition all of the corrected amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NOs: 181 to 227) were scanned for the presence of known protein signatures and motifs. This search was performed against the Prosite 34.0 database, using the Proscan software from the GCG package. Functional signatures and their locations are indicated in Table VI.

A) Proteins which are closely related to known proteins

10 Protein of SEQ ID NO: 214:

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 214 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 167 isolated from brain shows extensive homology to a human SH3 binding domain glutamic acid-rich like protein or SH3BGR (Egeo *et al.*, *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.*, 247:302-306 (1998)) with Genbank accession number is AF042081. As shown by the alignments of Figure 9, the amino acid residues are identical
15 except for positions 63 and 101 in the 114 amino acid long matched sequence. This SH3BGR protein is itself homologous to the middle proline-rich region of a protein containing an SH3 binding domain, the SH3BGR protein (Scartezzini *et al.*, *Hum. Genet.*, 99:387-392 (1997)). This proline-rich region is also highly conserved in mice. Both SH3BGR and SH3BGR proteins are thought to be involved in the Down syndrome pathogenesis. The protein SEQ ID NO: 214 also contains the proline-rich SH3 binding
20 domain (bold) and a potential RGD cell attachment sequence (underlined).

SH3 domains are small important functional modules found in several proteins from all eukaryotic organisms that are involved in a whole range of regulation of protein-protein interaction, e.g. in regulating enzymatic activities, recruiting specific substrates to the enzyme in signal transduction pathways, in interacting with viral proteins and they are also thought to play a role in determining the
25 localization of proteins to the plasma membrane or the cytoskeleton (for a review, see Cohen *et al.*, *Cell*, 80:237-248 (1995)).

The Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) attachment site promote cell adhesion of a large number of adhesive extracellular matrix, blood and cell surface proteins to their integrin receptors which have been shown to regulate cell migration, growth, differentiation and apoptosis. This cell adhesion activity is also
30 maintained in short RGD containing synthetic peptides which were shown to exhibit anti-thrombolytic and anti-metastatic activities and to inhibit bone degradation *in vivo* (for review, see Ruoslahti, *Annu. Rev. Cell Dev. Biol.*, 12:697-715 (1996)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 214 may be important in regulating protein-protein interaction in signal transduction pathways, and/or may play a role of
35 localization of proteins to the plasma membrane or cytoskeleton, and/or may play a role in cell adhesion. Moreover, this protein or part therein, especially peptides containing the RGD motif, may be useful in

diagnosing and treating cancer, thrombosis, osteoporosis and/or in diagnosing and treating disorders associated with the Down syndrome.

Proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 185 and 215:

The nearly homologous proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 185 and 215 encoded by the extended cDNA
5 SEQ ID NOs: 138 and 168, respectively, exhibit an extensive homology with a murine protein named
MPI for MEK binding partner 1 (Genbank accession number AF082526). The amino acid residues are
identical to the murine protein except for positions 39, 118 and 119 of the Genbank MPI sequence for
SEQ ID NO: 215 and except for positions 33, 39, 118 and 119 of the Genbank MPI sequence for SEQ ID
NO: 185. The Genbank MPI sequence is the 124 amino acid long matched protein region. See the
10 amino acid sequence alignment in Figure 10. MPI was shown to enhance enzymatic activation of
mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase cascade. The MAP kinase pathway is one of the important
enzymatic cascade that is conserved among all eukaryotes from yeast to human. This kind of pathway is
involved in vital functions such as the regulation of growth, differentiation and apoptosis. MPI probably
acts by facilitating the interaction of the two sequentially acting kinases MEK1 and ERK1 (Schaffer *et*
15 *al.*, *Science*, 281:1668-1671 (1998)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the proteins of SEQ ID NO: 185 and 215 may be involved
in regulating protein-protein interaction in the signal transduction pathways. Thus, these proteins may be
useful in diagnosing and/or treating several types of disorders including, but not limited to, cancer,
neurodegenerative diseases, cardiovascular disorders, hypertension, renal injury and repair and septic
20 shock.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 186

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 186 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 139 exhibits an
extensive homology with a murine protein named claudin-2 (Genbank accession number AF072128).
The amino acid residues are identical except for the conservative substitutions observed at positions: 6,
25 22, 23, 29, 31, 90, 110, 120, 130, 171, 176, 179, 187, 192, 197, 211, 212, 214, and 217 of the 230 amino
acids long matched protein claudin-2. One drastic substitution from glycine to arginine was observed at
position 189. See the amino acid sequence alignment in Figure 11. The murine homologue claudin-2 is
a integral membrane proteins with 4 putative transmembrane domains belonging to a family of proteins
thought to be involved in the formation of tight junctions between cells in epithelial or endothelial cell
30 sheets (Furuse *et al.*, *J. Cell. Biol.*, 141:1539-1550, (1998)).

In addition, the protein of SEQ ID NO: 186 shows more remote homology to a family of
transmembrane proteins among which are receptors for *Clostridium perfringens* enterotoxin (CPE) with
either high or low affinity for CPE (Katahira *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 452:26652-26658 (1997)). The
matched region include the 4 putative transmembrane regions.

35 Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 186 may be involved in the
formation and/or regulation of tight junction, and more generally in cell-cell adhesion. This protein may

also function as a receptor for a yet unknown ligand that may show homology to CPE. This protein may thus be useful in diagnosing and/or treating disorders associated with changes in epithelium permeability such as infectious diseases caused by *Clostridium* parasites.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 213

5 The protein of SEQ ID NO: 213 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 166 and expressed in lymphocytes exhibits an extensive homology to a stretch of 121 amino acid of a human hematopoietic maturation factor named glia maturation factor gamma or GMF- γ (Genbank accession number AB001993) and also to other glia maturation factors found in human, bovine and rodent species. The amino acid residues are identical as shown below except for conservative substitutions at positions 50,
10 and 77 of the 142 amino acids long matched protein GMF- γ which is itself highly homologous to GMF- β (Asai *et al.*, *Biochem. Biophys. Acta*, 1396:242-244 (1998)). See the amino acid sequence alignment in Figure 12. GMF- β was shown to act as a growth and differentiation factor for neurons and glial cells in human brain (Lim *et al.*, *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 86:3901-3905 (1989); and Harman *et al.*, *Brain Res.* 56:332-335 (1991)) and is also thought to regulate ERK proteins of the evolutionarily conserved
15 mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase cascade which is important in the regulation of growth, differentiation and apoptosis (Zaheer and Lim, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 272:5183-5186 (1997)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 213 may be involved in cell growth and differentiation and/or in apoptosis and/or in intracellular signaling. Thus, this protein may be useful in diagnosing and/or treating several types of disorders including, but not limiting to, cancer,
20 neurodegenerative diseases, cardiovascular disorders, hypertension, renal injury and repair and septic shock.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 191

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 191 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 144 and expressed in lymphocytes exhibits an extensive homology to a stretch of 91 amino acid of a human secreted protein
25 expressed in peripheral blood mononucleocytes (Genpep accession number W36955 and Genseq accession number VOO433). The amino acid residues are identical except for the substitution of asparagine to isoleucine at positions 94, and the conservative substitutions at positions 108, 109 and 110 of the 110 amino acids long matched protein. See the amino acid sequence alignment in Figure 13.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 200

30 The protein of SEQ ID NO: 200 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 153 exhibits extensive homologies to proteins encoding RING zinc finger proteins of the human, chicken and rodent species, as well as an EGF-like domain. Two stretches of 341 and of 13 amino acids of the human RING zinc finger protein which might bind DNA (Genbank accession number AF037204). The amino acid residues are identical except for conservative substitutions at positions 18, 29, 156 and 282 of the 381
35 amino acid long human RING zinc finger. See the amino acid sequence alignment in Figure 14. Such RING zinc finger proteins are thought to be involved in protein-protein interaction and are especially

found in nucleic acid binding proteins. Secreted proteins may have nucleic acid binding domain as shown by a nematode protein thought to regulate gene expression which exhibits zinc fingers as well as a functional signal peptide (Holst and Zipfel, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 271:16275-16733 (1996)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 200 may play a role in protein-protein interaction or be a nucleic acid binding protein.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 192

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 145 exhibits extensive homologies to stretches of proteins encoding vacuolar proton-ATPase subunits M9.2 of either human (Genbank accession number Y15286) or bovine species (Genbank accession number Y15285).

These two highly conserved proteins are extremely hydrophobic membrane proteins with two membrane-spanning helices and a potential metal-binding domain conserved in mammalian protein homologues (Ludwig *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 273:10939-10947 (1998)). The amino acid residues are completely identical as shown in the alignment in Figure 15. However, the protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 is missing amino acids 1 to 92 from the Genbank sequences. The protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 contains the second putative transmembrane domain as well as the potential metal-binding site.

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 may play a role in energy conservation, secondary active transport, acidification of intracellular compartments and/or cellular pH homeostasis.

B) Proteins which are remotely related to proteins with known functions

Proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227

The proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NOs: 154 and 180, respectively, belong to the stomatin or band 7 family. The human stomatin is an integral membrane phosphoprotein thought to be involved to regulate the cation conductance by interacting with other proteins of the junctional complex of the membrane skeleton (Gallagher and Forget, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 270:26358-26363 (1995)). The proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227 exhibit the PROSITE signature typical for the band 7 family signature. See the amino acid sequence alignment in Figure 16.

Taken together, these data suggest that the proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227 play a role in the regulation of ion transport, hence in the control of cellular volume. These proteins may then be useful in diagnosing and/or treating stomatocytosis and/or cryohydrocytosis.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 198

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 198 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 151 shows homologies with different DNA or RNA binding proteins such as the human Staf50 transcription factor (Genbank accession number X82200), the human Ro/SS-A ribonucleoprotein autoantigen (Swissprot accession number P19474) or the murine RPT1 transcription factor (Swissprot accession number P15533). The protein of SEQ ID NO: 198 exhibits a putative signal peptide and also a PROSITE signature for a RING type zinc finger domain located from positions 15 to 59. Secreted proteins may

have nucleic acid binding domain as shown by a nematode protein thought to regulate gene expression which exhibits zinc fingers as well as a functional signal peptide (Holst and Zipfel, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 271:16275-16733 (1996)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 198 may play a role in protein-protein interaction in intracellular signaling and eventually may directly or indirectly bind to DNA and/or RNA, hence regulating gene expression.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 216

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 216 found in testis encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 169 shows homologies to protein domains with a 4-disulfide core signature found in either an extracellular proteinase inhibitor named chelonianin (Swissprot accession number P00993) or in rabbit and human proteins specifically expressed in epididymes (Genbank accession numbers U26725 and R13329). The matched domain in red sea turtle chelonianin is known to inhibit subtilisin, a serine protease (Kato and Tominaga, *Fed. Proc.*, 38:832 (1979)). All cysteines of the 4 disulfide core signature thought to be crucial for biological activity are present in the protein of SEQ ID NO: 216. The 4 disulfide core signature is present except for a conservative substitution of asparagine to glutamine.

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 216 may play a role in protein-protein interaction, act as a protease inhibitor and/or may also be related to male fertility.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 197

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 197 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 150 shows extensive homology to the connexin family conserved in the rodent, chicken, human, frog, sheep species. Connexins are a family of integral membrane proteins that oligomerize into clusters of intercellular channels called gap junctions, which join cells in virtually all metazoans. These channels permit exchange of ions between neurons and between neurons and excitable cells such as myocytes (for review, see Goodenough *et al.*, *Ann. Rev. Biochem.*, 65:475-502 (1996)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 197 may play a role in cell growth, differentiation and developmental signaling. Moreover, the protein of SEQ ID NO: 197 may be useful in diagnosing and/or treating cancer, neurodegenerative diseases and cardiovascular disorders.

C) Proteins homologous to a domain of a protein with known function

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 183

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 183 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 136 shows homology to a rabbit soluble protein called PiUS (Genbank accession number U74297) which is a stimulator of inorganic phosphate uptake and is thought to be involved in cellular phosphate metabolism and/or binding (Norris *et al.*, *J. Memb. Biol.*, 156:19-24 (1997)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 183 may play a role in

phosphate metabolism.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 223

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 223 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 176 shows homology to short stretches of a human protein called Tspan-1 (Genbank accession number AF054838) which belongs to the 4 transmembrane superfamily of molecular facilitators called tetraspanin (Meakers *et al.*, *FASEB J.*, 11:428-442 (1997)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 223 may play a role in cell activation and proliferation, and/or adhesion and motility and/or differentiation and cancer.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 193

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 193 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 146 shows homology to short stretches of *Drosophila*, *C. elegans* and chloroplast proteins similar to *E. coli* ribosomal protein L16.

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 193 may be a ribosomal protein.

As discussed above, the extended cDNAs of the present invention or portions thereof can be used for various purposes. The polynucleotides can be used to express recombinant protein for analysis, characterization or therapeutic use; as markers for tissues in which the corresponding protein is preferentially expressed (either constitutively or at a particular stage of tissue differentiation or development or in disease states); as molecular weight markers on Southern gels; as chromosome markers or tags (when labeled) to identify chromosomes or to map related gene positions; to compare with endogenous DNA sequences in patients to identify potential genetic disorders; as probes to hybridize and thus discover novel, related DNA sequences; as a source of information to derive PCR primers for genetic fingerprinting; for selecting and making oligomers for attachment to a "gene chip" or other support, including for examination for expression patterns; to raise anti-protein antibodies using DNA immunization techniques; and as an antigen to raise anti-DNA antibodies or elicit another immune response. Where the polynucleotide encodes a protein which binds or potentially binds to another protein (such as, for example, in a receptor-ligand interaction), the polynucleotide can also be used in interaction trap assays (such as, for example, that described in Gyuris *et al.*, *Cell* 75:791-803 (1993)) to identify polynucleotides encoding the other protein with which binding occurs or to identify inhibitors of the binding interaction.

The proteins or polypeptides provided by the present invention can similarly be used in assays to determine biological activity, including in a panel of multiple proteins for high-throughput screening; to raise antibodies or to elicit another immune response; as a reagent (including the labeled reagent) in assays designed to quantitatively determine levels of the protein (or its receptor) in biological fluids; as markers for tissues in which the corresponding protein is preferentially expressed (either constitutively or at a particular stage of tissue differentiation or development or in a disease state); and, of course, to isolate correlative

receptors or ligands. Where the protein binds or potentially binds to another protein (such as, for example, in a receptor-ligand interaction), the protein can be used to identify the other protein with which binding occurs or to identify inhibitors of the binding interaction. Proteins involved in these binding interactions can also be used to screen for peptide or small molecule inhibitors or agonists of the binding interaction.

5 Any or all of these research utilities are capable of being developed into reagent grade or kit format for commercialization as research products.

Methods for performing the uses listed above are well known to those skilled in the art. References disclosing such methods include without limitation *Molecular Cloning; A Laboratory Manual*, 2d ed., Cole Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Sambrook, J., E.F. Fritsch and T. Maniatis eds., (1989), and *Methods in*
10 *Enzymology; Guide to Molecular Cloning Techniques*, Academic Press, Berger, S.L. and A.R. Kimmel eds., (1987).

Polynucleotides and proteins of the present invention can also be used as nutritional sources or supplements. Such uses include without limitation use as a protein or amino acid supplement, use as a carbon source, use as a nitrogen source and use as a source of carbohydrate. In such cases the protein or
15 polynucleotide of the invention can be added to the feed of a particular organism or can be administered as a separate solid or liquid preparation, such as in the form of powder, pills, solutions, suspensions or capsules.

In the case of microorganisms, the protein or polynucleotide of the invention can be added to the medium in or on which the microorganism is cultured.

Although this invention has been described in terms of certain preferred embodiments, other
20 embodiments which will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art in view of the disclosure herein are also within the scope of this invention. Accordingly, the scope of the invention is intended to be defined only by reference to the appended claims.

Step	Search Characteristics			Selection Characteristics	
	Program	Strand	Parameters	Identity (%)	Length (bp)
Miscellaneous	blastn	both	S=61 X=16	90	17
tRNA	fasta	both	-	80	60
rRNA	blastn	both	S=108	80	40
mRNA	blastn	both	S=108	80	40
Prokaryotic	blastn	both	S=144	90	40
Fungal	blastn	both	S=144	90	40
Alu	fasta*	both	-	70	40
L1	blastn	both	S=72	70	40
Repeats	blastn	both	S=72	70	40
Promoters	blastn	top	S=54 X=16	90	15†
Vertebrate	fasta*	both	S=108	90	30
ESTs	blastn	both	S=108 X=16	90	30
Proteins	blastx◇	top	E=0.001	-	-

Table 1: Parameters used for each step of EST analysis

- use "Quick Fast" Database Scanner
- † alignment further constrained to begin closer than 10bp to EST \ 5' end
- ◇ using BLOSUM62 substitution matrix

TABLE II

Id	FCS Location	SigPep Location	Mature Polypeptide Location	Stop Codon Location	PolyA Signal Location	PolyA Site Location
40	173-565	173-211	212-565	566	1063-1068	1087-1098
41	267-455	267-371	372-455	456	817-822	842-855
42	174-662	174-266	267-662	663	1144-1149	1165-1176
43	460-615	460-555	556-615	616	614-619	635-648
44	79-450	79-369	370-450	451	1217-1222	1240-1251
45	160-849	160-231	232-849	850	1510-1515	1506-1519
46	106-321	106-201	202-321	322	577-582	598-610
47	359-631	359-466	467-631	632	1334-1339	1357-1370
48	191-508	191-286	287-508	509	755-760	780-791
49	346-861	346-408	409-861	862	1400-1405	1420-1433
50	214-381	214-339	340-381	382	1133-1138	1146-1158
51	372-509	372-437	438-509	510	812-817	838-850
52	132-884	132-215	216-884	885	1069-1074	1094-1107
53	199-429	199-288	289-429	430	464-469	489-500
54	293-535	293-385	386-535	536	733-738	752-765
55	130-507	130-189	190-507	508	546-551	572-584
56	191-1009	191-325	326-1009	1010	1348-1353	1374-1387
57	141-614	141-251	252-614	615	1354-1359	1375-1385
58	212-364	212-268	269-364	365	1465-1470	1489-1497
59	147-1223	147-248	249-1223	1224	1538-1543	1558-1570
60	112-984	112-237	238-984	985	976-981	1010-1022
61	239-439	239-316	317-439	440	586-591	603-615
62	157-537	157-345	346-537	538	771-776	791-804
63	194-484	194-253	254-484	485	768-773	780-792
64	148-405	148-207	208-405	406	789-794	820-832
65	156-368	156-230	231-368	369	706-711	709-721
66	272-451	272-397	398-451	452	503-508	518-531
67	381-734	381-629	630-734	735	736-741	770-783
68	140-367	140-205	206-367	368	965-970	984-996
69	183-467	183-338	339-467	468	620-625	644-657
70	140-385	140-205	206-385	386	383-388	405-416
71	129-395	129-176	177-395	396	513-518	530-543
72	285-374	285-341	342-374	375	575-580	592-605
73	136-480	136-444	445-480	481	835-840	851-864
74	200-514	200-427	428-514	515	1001-1006	1022-1033
75	68-346	68-133	134-346	347	472-477	490-499
76	274-600	274-399	400-600	601	943-948	966-978
77	421-573	421-465	466-573	574	553-558	575-587
78	198-365	198-278	279-365	366	364-369	387-400
79	167-652	167-229	230-652	653	1133-1138	1154-1166

Id	FCS	SigPep	Mature	Stop	PolyA	PolyA
	Location	Location	Polypeptide	Codon	Signal	Site
	Location	Location	Location	Location	Location	Location
80	180-557	180-383	384-557	558	722-727	743-754
81	179-598	179-298	299-598	599	680-685	697-708
82	100-228	100-171	172-228	229	211-216	230-243
83	346-552	346-408	409-552	553	792-797	817-829
84	177-410	177-233	234-410	411	644-649	663-674
85	179-418	179-319	320-418	419	461-466	465-478
86	112-270	112-237	238-270	271	910-915	940-952

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TABLE III

Id	Motif Location	Motif
55	160-226	Zinc finger, C2H2 type, domain
56	683-734	Connexins signatures
57	231-261	Zinc finger, C3HC4 type, signature

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TABLE IV

Id	Full Length Polypeptide Location	Signal Peptide Location	Mature Polypeptide Location
87	1-131	1-13	14-131
88	1-63	1-35	36-63
89	1-163	1-31	32-163
90	1-52	1-32	33-52
91	1-124	1-97	98-124
92	1-230	1-24	25-230
93	1-72	1-32	33-72
94	1-91	1-36	37-91
95	1-106	1-32	33-106
96	1-172	1-21	22-172
97	1-56	1-42	43-56
98	1-46	1-22	23-46
99	1-251	1-28	29-251
100	1-77	1-30	31-77
101	1-81	1-31	32-81
102	1-126	1-20	21-126
103	1-273	1-45	46-273
104	1-158	1-37	38-158
105	1-51	1-19	20-51
106	1-359	1-34	35-359
107	1-291	1-42	43-291
108	1-67	1-26	27-67
109	1-127	1-63	64-127
110	1-97	1-20	21-97
111	1-86	1-20	21-86
112	1-71	1-25	26-71
113	1-60	1-42	43-60
114	1-118	1-83	84-118
115	1-76	1-22	23-76
116	1-95	1-52	53-95
117	1-82	1-22	23-82
118	1-89	1-16	17-89
119	1-30	1-19	20-30
120	1-115	1-103	104-115
121	1-105	1-76	77-105
122	1-93	1-22	23-93
123	1-109	1-42	43-109

Id	Full Length Polypeptide Location	Signal Peptide Location	Mature Polypeptide Location
124	1-51	1-15	16-51
125	1-56	1-27	28-56
126	1-162	1-21	22-162
127	1-126	1-68	69-126
128	1-140	1-40	41-140
129	1-43	1-24	25-43
130	1-69	1-21	22-69
131	1-78	1-19	20-78
132	1-80	1-47	48-80
133	1-53	1-42	43-53

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TABLE V

Id	No-matches	Est <30%	Est >30%	Vrt
40			X	
41		X		
42			X	
43	X			
44			X	
45		X		
46			X	
47		X		
48			X	
49			X	
50		X		
51			X	
52			X	
53			X	
54			X	
55	X			
56			X	
57		X		
58			X	
59			X	
60	X			
61			X	
62			X	
63			X	
64			X	
65			X	
66			X	
67		X		
68			X	
69		X		
70		X		
71			X	
72				X
73			X	
74			X	
75	X			
76			X	
77			X	
78	X			

Id	No-matches	Est <30%	Est >30%	Vrt
79			X	
80			X	
81			X	
82			X	
83			X	
84			X	
85			X	
86	X			

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- PROTEIN SIGNATURE -

SEQ ID	LOCATION	MOTIF
214	76 - 78	cell attachment site
	32 - 53	Leucine zipper
201	289 - 291	Microbodies C-terminal targeting signal
	164 - 192	Band 7 protein family
227	239 - 241	Microbodies C-terminal targeting signal
	114 - 142	Band 7 protein family
205	179 - 182	Endoplasmic reticulum targeting signal
226	78 - 81	Microbodies C-terminal targeting signal
181	99 - 101	cell attachment site
200	264 - 278	EGF like domain
	240 - 282	C3HC4 zinc finger (RING finger)
196	10 - 32	C2H2 zinc finger
198	15 - 59	C3HC4 zinc finger (RING finger)
218	21 - 42	Leucine zipper
197	164 - 180	connexins

TABLE VI

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Table VII

SEQ ID	FCS Location	SigPep Location	Mature Polypeptide Location	Stop Codon Location	PolyA Signal Location	PolyA Site Location
134	131/1042	131/169	170/1042	-	-	1042/1053
135	100/276	-	100/276	277	638/643	662/675
136	111/401	111/194	195/401	402	1080/1085	1101/1112
137	359/514	359/454	455/514	515	-	536/547
138	26/397	26/316	317/397	398	1164/1169	1187/1198
139	36/725	36/107	108/725	726	1302/1307	1389/1400
140	35/250	35/130	131/250	251	505/510	526/538
141	169/432	169/267	268/432	433	1132/1137	1155/1167
142	143/460	143/238	239/460	461	697/702	721/730
143	108/908	108/170	171/908	909	1141/1146	1161/1174
144	209/532	-	209/532	533	1133/1138	1146/1158
145	5/211	5/142	143/211	212	716/721	742/754
146	98/850	98/181	182/850	851	1035/1040	1060/1073
147	46/342	46/189	190/342	343	377/382	402/413
148	139/381	139/231	232/381	382	579/584	598/609
149	72/512	-	72/512	-	-	512/522
150	126/944	126/260	261/944	945	1283/1288	1309/1322
151	50/1279	50/160	161/1279	-	-	1280/1290
152	83/1261	83/139	140/1261	1262	-	1356/1354
153	57/1199	57/95	96/1199	1200	1438/1443	1458/1470
154	72/944	72/197	198/944	945	-	970/982
155	4/279	-	4/279	280	425/430	443/455
156	90/470	90/278	279/470	471	704/709	724/738
157	88/339	88/147	148/339	340	619/624	637/649
158	33/578	33/92	93/578	579	-	703/714
159	33/245	33/107	108/245	246	546/551	584/596
160	125/343	-	125/343	344	375/380	390/403
161	126/632	126/575	576/632	633	670/675	721/727
162	90/317	90/155	156/317	318	913/918	932/944
163	126/410	126/287	288/410	411	561/566	587/598
164	85/348	85/150	151/348	-	-	349/360
165	77/343	77/124	125/343	344	461/466	477/490
166	38/364	-	38/364	365	458/463	475/488
167	48/389	48/356	357/389	390	742/747	760/771
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175	24/320	-	24/320	321	402/407	419/430
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177	108/314	108/170	171/314	315	550/555	574/585
178	118/351	118/171	172/351	352	583/588	602/613
179	128/367	128/268	269/367	368	410/415	424/427
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Table VIII

SEQ ID	Full Length Polypeptide Location	Signal Peptide Location	Mature Polypeptide Location
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135	1/59	-	1/59
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137	-32/20	-32/-1	1/20
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140	-32/40	-32/-1	1/40
141	-33/55	-33/-1	1/55
142	-32/74	-32/-1	1/74
143	-21/246	-21/-1	1/246
144	1/108	-	1/108
145	-46/23	-46/-1	1/23
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148	-31/50	-31/-1	1/50
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150	-45/228	-45/-1	1/228
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152	-19/374	-19/-1	1/374
153	-13/368	-13/-1	1/368
154	-42/249	-42/-1	1/249
155	1/92	-	1/92
156	-63/64	-63/-1	1/64
157	-20/64	-20/-1	1/64
158	-20/162	-20/-1	1/162
159	-25/46	-25/-1	1/46
160	1/73	-	1/73
161	-150/19	-150/-1	1/19
162	-22/54	-22/-1	1/54
163	-54/41	-54/-1	1/41
164	-22/66	-22/-1	1/66
165	-16/73	-16/-1	1/73
166	1/109	-	1/109
167	-103/11	-103/-1	1/11
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170	-42/165	-42/-1	1/165
171	1/59	-	1/59
172	-27/29	-27/-1	1/29
173	-94/68	-94/-1	1/68
174	-68/86	-68/-1	1/86
175	1/99	-	1/99
176	-24/19	-24/-1	1/19
177	-21/48	-21/-1	1/48
178	-18/60	-18/-1	1/60
179	-47/33	-47/-1	1/33
180	-103/138	-103/-1	1/138
180	-103/138	-103/-1	1/138

CLAIMSWhat Is Claimed Is:

1. A purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or a sequence complementary thereto.
- 5 2. A purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising at least 10 consecutive bases of the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or one of the sequences complementary thereto.
3. A purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the full coding sequences of one of SEQ ID NOs: 136-148, 150, 152-154, 156-159, 161-163, 165, 167-170, 172-174, and 176-180, wherein the full coding sequence comprises the sequence encoding signal peptide and the sequence
10 encoding mature protein.
4. A purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 135-148, 150, 152-163, and 165-180 which encode a mature protein.
5. A purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134, 136-148, 150-154, 156-159, 161-165, 167-170, 172-174, and 176-180 which encode the
15 signal peptide.
6. A purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having the sequence of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.
7. A purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having the sequence of a mature protein included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 182-195, 197, 199-210, and 212-
20 227.
8. A purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having the sequence of a signal peptide included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181, 183-195, 197-201, 203-206, 208-212, 214-217, 219-221, and 223-227.
9. A purified or isolated protein comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs:
25 181-227.
10. A purified or isolated polypeptide comprising at least 10 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.
11. An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising a signal peptide of one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 181, 183-195, 197-201, 203-206, 208-212, 214-217, 219-221, and
30 223-227.
12. An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising a mature protein of one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 182-195, 197, 199-210, and 212-227.
13. A method of making a protein comprising one of the sequences of SEQ ID NO:

181-227, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a cDNA comprising one of the sequences of sequence of SEQ ID NO: 134-180;

inserting said cDNA in an expression vector such that said cDNA is operably linked to a promoter; and

5 introducing said expression vector into a host cell whereby said host cell produces the protein encoded by said cDNA.

14. The method of Claim 13, further comprising the step of isolating said protein.

15. A protein obtainable by the method of Claim 14.

16. A host cell containing a recombinant nucleic acid of Claim 1.

10 17. A purified or isolated antibody capable of specifically binding to a protein having the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

18. In an array of polynucleotides of at least 15 nucleotides in length, the improvement comprising inclusion in said array of at least one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, or one of the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, or a fragment thereof
15 of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides.

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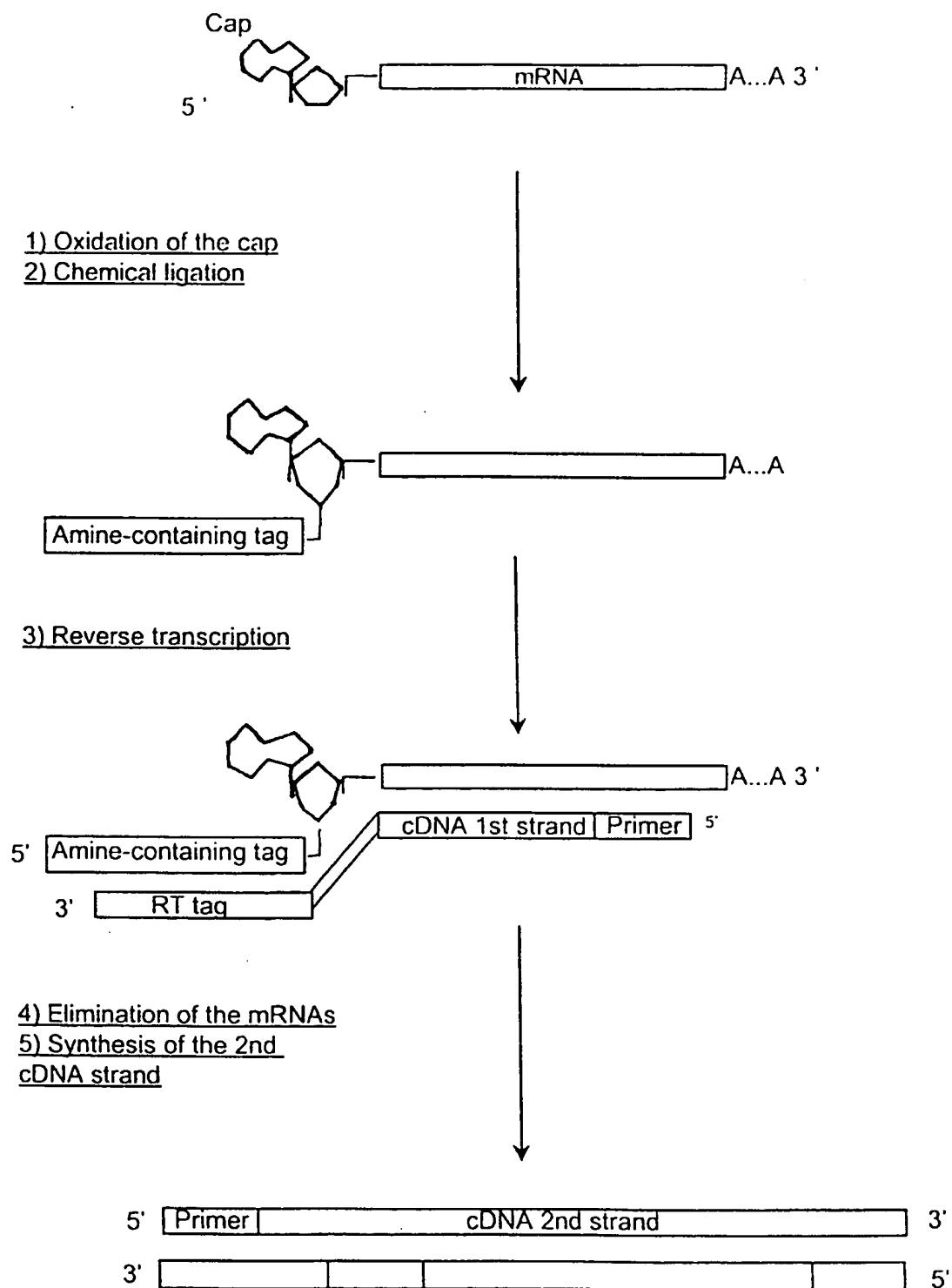


Figure 1

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Minimum signal peptide score	false positivo rate	false negative rate	proba(0.1)	proba(0.2)
3,5	0,121	0,036	0,467	0,564
4	0,096	0,06	0,519	0,708
4,5	0,078	0,079	0,565	0,745
5	0,062	0,098	0,616	0,782
5,5	0,05	0,127	0,659	0,813
6	0,04	0,163	0,694	0,838
6,5	0,033	0,202	0,725	0,855
7	0,025	0,248	0,763	0,878
7,5	0,021	0,304	0,78	0,889
8	0,015	0,368	0,816	0,899
8,5	0,012	0,418	0,836	0,92
9	0,008	0,512	0,856	0,93
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FIGURE 2

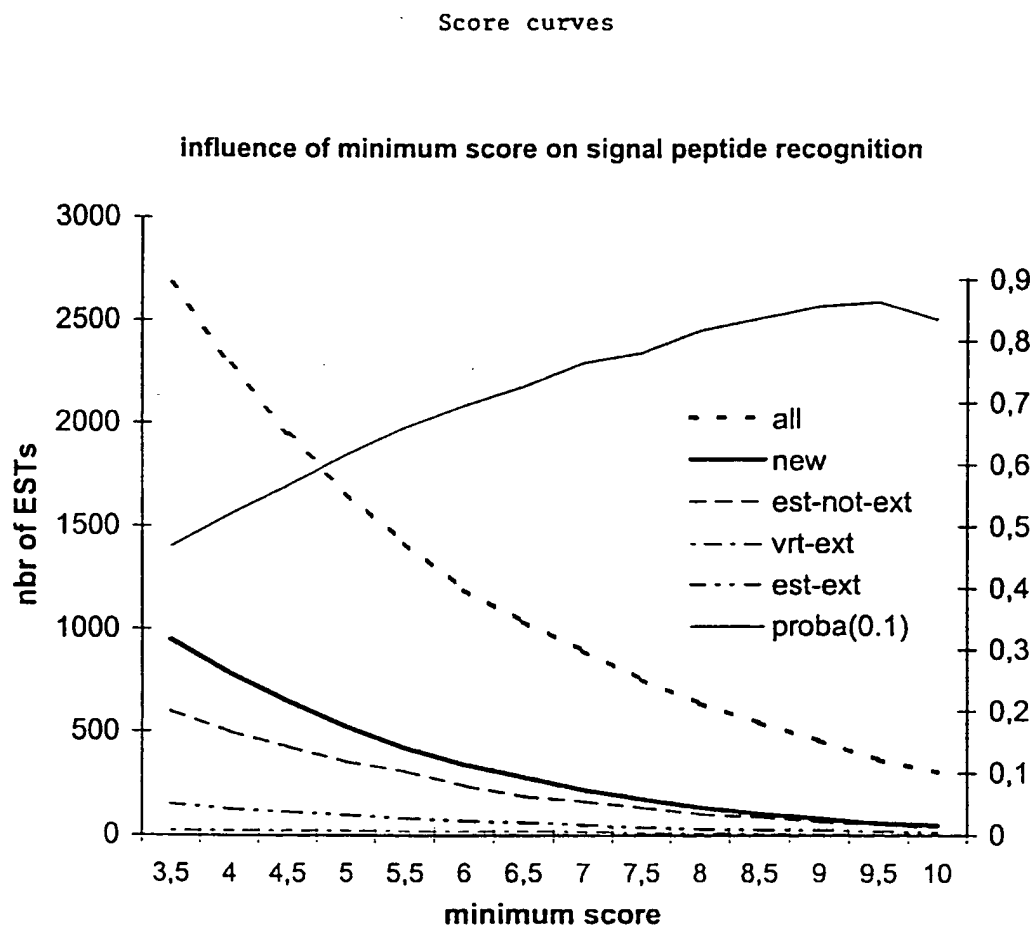


FIGURE 3

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Minimum signal peptide score	All ESTs	New ESTs	ESTs matching public EST closer than 40 bp from beginning	ESTs extending known mRNA more than 40 bp	ESTs extending public EST more than 40 bp
3,6	2874	847	599	23	150
4	2278	784	488	23	126
4,5	1843	647	425	22	112
5	1657	523	353	21	96
5,5	1417	418	307	19	80
6	1180	340	238	18	68
6,5	1035	280	186	18	60
7	893	219	161	15	48
7,5	753	173	132	12	36
8	636	133	101	11	29
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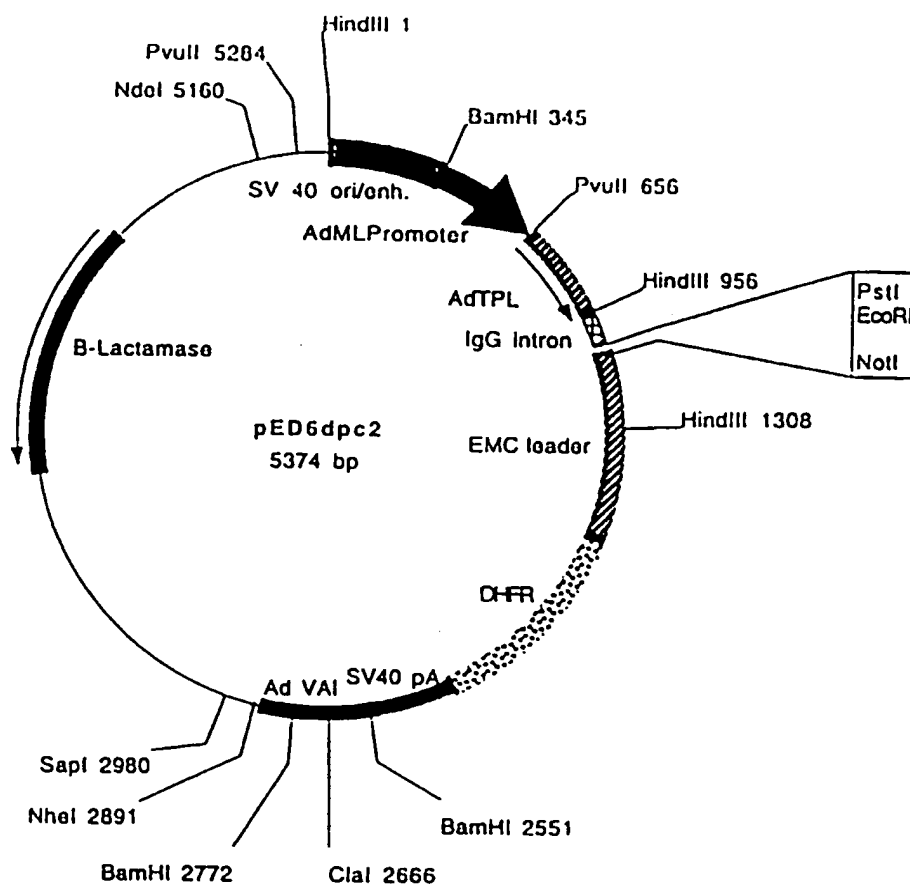
FIGURE 4

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Tissue	All ESTs	New ESTs	ESTs matching public EST closer than 40 bp from beginning	ESTs extending known mRNA more than 40 bp	ESTs extending public EST more than 40 bp
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Cancerous prostate	134	40	37	1	6
Cerebellum	17	9	1	0	6
Colon	21	11	4	0	0
Dystrophic muscle	41	18	8	0	1
Fetal brain	70	37	16	0	1
Fetal kidney	227	116	46	1	19
Fetal liver	13	7	2	0	0
Heart	30	15	7	0	1
Hypertrophic prostate	86	23	22	2	2
Kidney	10	7	3	0	0
Large intestine	21	8	4	0	1
Liver	23	9	6	0	0
Lung	24	12	4	0	1
Lung (cells)	57	38	6	0	4
Lymph ganglia	163	60	23	2	12
Lymphocytes	23	6	4	0	2
Muscle	33	16	6	0	4
Normal prostate	181	61	45	7	11
Ovary	90	57	12	1	2
Pancreas	48	11	6	0	1
Placenta	24	5	1	0	0
Prostate	34	16	4	0	2
Spleen	56	28	10	0	1
Substantia nigra	108	47	27	1	6
Surrenals	15	3	3	1	0
Testis	131	68	25	1	8
Thyroid	17	8	2	0	2
Umbilical cord	55	17	12	1	3
Uterus	28	15	3	0	2
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Figure 5

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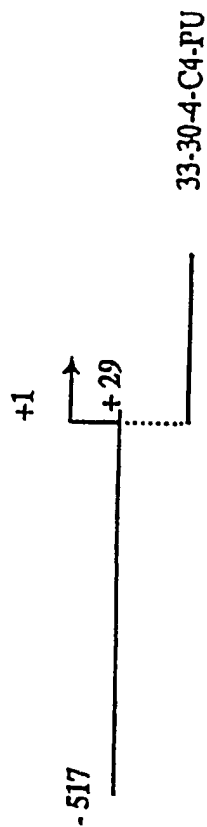
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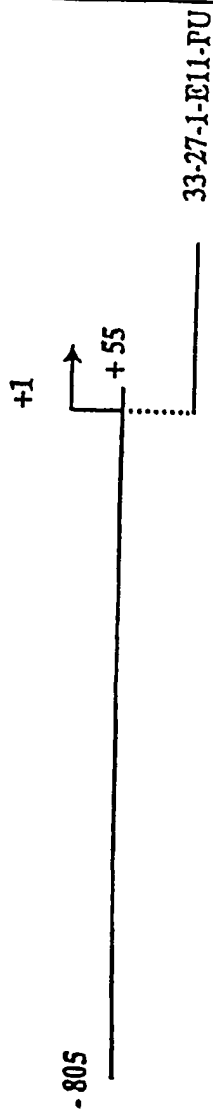
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Description of Promoter structure isolated from SignalTag 5' ESTs

Promoter P13H2



Promoter P15B4



Promoter P29B6

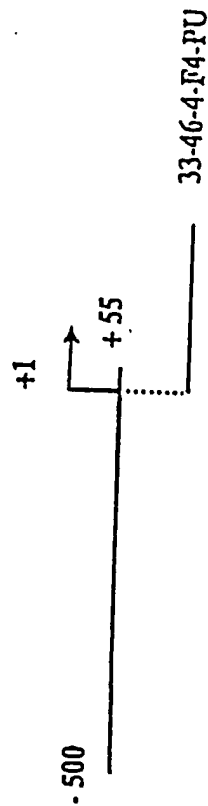


FIGURE 7

Description of Transcription Factor Binding Sites present on promoters isolated from SignalTag sequences

Promoter sequence P13H2 (546 bp):

Matrix	Position	Orientation	Score	Length	Sequence
CMYB_01	-502	+	0.983	9	TGTCAGTTG
MYOD_Q6	-501	-	0.961	10	CCCAACTGAC
S8_01	-444	-	0.960	11	AATAGAATTAG
S8_01	-425	+	0.966	11	AACTAAATTAG
DELTAEF1_01	-390	-	0.960	11	GCACACCTCAG
GATA_C	-364	-	0.964	11	AGATAAATCCA
CMYB_01	-349	+	0.958	9	CTTCAGTTG
GATA1_02	-343	+	0.959	14	TTGTAGATAGGACA
GATA_C	-339	+	0.953	11	AGATAGGACAT
TAL1ALPHAE47_01	-235	+	0.973	16	CATAACAGATGGTAAG
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IK2_01	-126	+	0.985	12	AGTTGGGAATTCC
CREL_01	-123	+	0.962	10	TGGGAATTCC
GATA1_02	-96	+	0.950	14	TCAGTGATATGGCA
SRY_02	-41	-	0.951	12	TAAACAAAACA
E2F_02	-33	+	0.957	8	TTTAGCGC
MZF1_01	-5	-	0.975	8	TGAGGGGA

Promoter sequence P15B4 (861bp) :

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SRY_02	-398	-	0.955	12	GAAAACAAAACA
MZF1_01	-216	+	0.960	8	GAAGGGGA
MYOD_Q6	-190	+	0.981	10	AGCATCTGCC
DELTAEF1_01	-176	+	0.958	11	TCCCACCTTCC
S8_01	5	-	0.992	11	GAGGCAATTAT
MZF1_01	16	-	0.986	8	AGAGGGGA

Promoter sequence P29B6 (555 bp) :

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MYCMAX_02	-309	-	0.972	12	CAGCACGTGAGT
USF_C	-307	+	0.997	8	TCACGTGC
USF_C	-307	-	0.991	8	GCACGTGA
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CETS1P54_01	-102	+	0.974	10	TCCGGAAGCC
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Figure 8

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(57) Abstract

The invention provides human membrane-associated organizational proteins (HJNCT) and polynucleotides which identify and encode HJNCT. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists, and antagonists. The invention also provides methods for diagnosing, treating, or preventing disorders associated with expression of HJNCT.

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MEMBRANE-ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONAL PROTEINS

TECHNICAL FIELD

This invention relates to nucleic acid and amino acid sequences of human membrane-associated
5 organizational proteins and to the use of these sequences in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of
cell proliferative disorders, including cancer, and autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological,
developmental, vesicle trafficking, reproductive, gastrointestinal, and renal disorders.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 Cells are surrounded by plasma membranes which enclose the cell and maintain an environment
inside the cell that is distinct from its surroundings. Eukaryotic organisms are distinct from prokaryotes
in that they possess many intracellular organelle and vesicle structures enclosed by membranes.
Membrane-associated organizational proteins are responsible for the aggregation and assembly of
signaling and transport proteins at specialized regions of cellular, organelle, and vesicular membranes.
15 For example, in postsynaptic signaling, membrane-associated organizational proteins are responsible for
ion channel and receptor clustering. In Golgi-mediated transport and secretion, membrane-associated
organizational proteins control cisternal stacking and vesicle docking. Membrane-associated
organizational proteins also play a role in the formation of cell junctions, regions of contact between
adjacent cells and between cells and the extracellular matrix. Cell junctions influence cell shape, strength,
20 flexibility, motility, and adhesion.

PDZ Domains

A conserved protein domain called PDZ has been identified in various proteins which act at the
cytosolic face of the plasma membrane. PDZ-containing proteins coordinate the assembly of
multifunctional protein complexes involved in intercellular signaling events. PDZ domains are
25 protein/protein interaction motifs involved, for example, in the localization of channels, receptors,
signaling enzymes, and adhesion molecules to sites of cell-cell contact. PDZ domains were named for
three proteins in which this domain was initially discovered: PSD-95 (postsynaptic density 95), Dlg
(*Drosophila* lethal(1)discs large-1), and ZO-1 (zonula occludens-1). These proteins play important roles
in neuronal synaptic transmission, tumor suppression, and cell junction formation, respectively. Since the
30 discovery of these proteins, over sixty additional PDZ-containing proteins have been identified in diverse
prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms. A large proportion of PDZ domains are found in the eukaryotic
MAGUK (membrane-associated guanylate kinase) protein family, members of which bind to the
intracellular domains of neuronal receptors and channels. However, PDZ domains are also found in

diverse membrane-localized proteins such as protein tyrosine phosphatases, serine/threonine kinases, G-protein cofactors, and synapse-associated proteins such as syntrophins and neuronal nitric oxide synthase (nNOS). Generally, about one to three PDZ domains are found in a given protein, although up to nine have been identified in a single protein. (See, e.g., Ponting, C.P. et al. (1997) *Bioessays* 19:469-479; 5 Fanning, A.S. and J.M. Anderson (1999) *J. Clin. Invest.* 103:767-772.)

X-ray crystallography has shown that PDZ domains are generally compact globular structures containing about 80 to 100 amino acids which form six β -strands and two α -helices. PDZ domains tend to be rich in glycine residues which introduce turns in the polypeptide chain and promote compaction and stability of the folded polypeptide. A GLGF (glycine-leucine-glycine-phenylalanine) sequence motif is 10 conserved within some PDZ domains. This GLGF sequence is usually preceded by an arginine found about six residues upstream of GLGF. PDZ domains bind to a tripeptide motif containing valine and serine or threonine. Most ligands which bind PDZ domains contain this motif, although some ligands lack this motif or contain conservative substitutions therein.

PDZ-containing proteins are likely involved in disorders associated with defective cell signaling 15 (Ponting, *supra*). For example, PDZ domains have been shown to play important roles in development, and the gene encoding the PDZ-containing protein LIM kinase 1 is deleted in patients with Williams syndrome, a complex developmental disorder.

PDZ-Mediated Neuronal Signaling

Cells communicate with and respond to their environment by receiving and processing 20 extracellular signals. These signals take the form of growth factors, hormones, cytokines, and peptides which bind to activate specific plasma membrane receptors. The activated receptors trigger intracellular signal transduction pathways which culminate in a wide range of cellular responses affecting gene expression, protein secretion, cell cycle progression, and cell differentiation. Initial events in signal transduction require the proximity of intracellular signaling proteins to the cytosolic domains of activated 25 plasma membrane receptors. These intracellular membrane-associated signaling proteins couple the activated receptor to downstream second messenger systems and play a key role in the regulation and coordination of complex, multiprotein signal transduction pathways.

PDZ proteins play an important role in the clustering of ion channels and neurotransmitter receptors at postsynaptic membranes. This organizational activity is essential for neuronal development 30 and synaptic plasticity (Ponting, *supra*). Mutations that block clustering of neuronal receptors and channels cause perinatal lethality in mice. MAGUK proteins, in particular, are important for clustering neuronal receptors and ion channels responsive to glutamate, the predominant excitatory neurotransmitter in the mammalian hippocampus. Specifically, the PDZ domains of PSD-95, PSD-93, SAP-97 (synapse-

associated protein 97), SAP-102, and chapsyn 110 bind to the cytosolic C-termini of N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) glutamate receptors and Shaker-type potassium channels, causing them to cluster.

A novel synaptic PDZ protein, Homer, has recently been identified in rat brain. Although Homer may perform similar functions as MAGUK proteins, it is highly divergent from MAGUK proteins and
 5 may represent a novel and distinct PDZ protein family. Homer mRNA is 6.5 kb long and encodes a protein of 186 amino acids. Homer contains a single PDZ-like domain and binds to the carboxy terminus of phosphoinositide-linked metabotropic glutamate receptors. The PDZ-like domain contains a GLGF sequence and preceding arginine, as seen in the PDZ domains of proteins such as PSD-95. Otherwise, there is less than 10% amino acid sequence identity between Homer and the reported members of the
 10 PDZ family. Deletion constructs revealed that the amino-terminal 108 amino acids of Homer, which includes the GLGF sequence, is essential for the binding of Homer to glutamate receptors. Expression of Homer mRNA is strongly upregulated in the forebrain by seizure-and drug induced neuronal activation (Brakeman, P.R. et al. (1997) Nature 386:284-288).

Detailed immunohistochemical analysis revealed that Homer is enriched at excitatory synapses.
 15 Additionally, expression of the Homer gene is developmentally regulated by synaptic activity, with peak expression in the rat forebrain coinciding with increased synaptic activity from the third to fifth postnatal weeks. In the adult, Homer mRNA is rapidly induced in the hippocampus of awakened rats. Homer may also be linked to the regulation of dopamine receptors since it is rapidly induced by cocaine in the striatum (Brakeman, supra).

20 Taken together, these observations suggest that Homer may play a major role in neuronal function and development. Homer is likely to participate in signal transduction and influence spatial targeting of receptors. The selective expression of Homer at excitatory synapses strongly supports a role in synapse formation and in the regulation of glutamate mediated neurotransmission.

Cisternal Stacking in Golgi

25 The Golgi apparatus (Golgi), an organelle composed of stacked disc-shaped cisternal membranes, is found adjacent to the nucleus during interphase in animal cells. The Golgi contains enzymes that modify secreted and membrane proteins posttranslationally as they traverse the secretory pathway. Many of the modifying enzymes function in an ordered sequence, and have unique distributions within the Golgi, suggesting that Golgi structure is important for their function. Secreted and membrane proteins are
 30 transported through the Golgi in specialized vesicles which bud from the donor membrane and then dock with and fuse to the target membrane. Cisternal stacking may be viewed as a specialized form of docking event, in which one cisterna docks with another without fusion. During mitosis, the Golgi breaks down into many small vesicles and tubules that are partitioned to the two daughter cells. Vesicle fusion is

inhibited during mitosis, possibly due to an inhibition of vesicle docking. As the cell exits mitosis, the Golgi cisternae reform and restack, and vesicle transport resumes.

Vesicles must be tethered to the target membrane prior to docking and fusion. Giantin, a protein on the vesicle surface, binds to p115, a cytosolic protein that is in turn bound to its receptor GM130 on the cytosolic surface of the Golgi. GM130 is a tightly associated peripheral membrane protein which has a coiled-coil, elongated rod-like structure and appears to be a dimer. During mitosis, GM130 is phosphorylated by a cyclin-dependent kinase. This phosphorylation inhibits the binding of p115 to GM130, leading to a block in vesicle tethering and docking, and thus a block in vesicle fusion.

Golgi ReAssembly Stacking Protein (GRASP65) was identified as a Golgi protein which may play roles in the initiation and/or maintenance of cisternal stacking and in vesicle docking. Antibodies to GRASP65 prevent cisternal stacking in a cell-free system. The rat GRASP65 gene, which is expressed in all rat tissues tested, encodes a 65 kDa peripheral membrane protein which appears to exist as a dimer. Homologs of GRASP65 exist in the yeasts *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*.

GRASP65 interacts with GM130 under both mitotic and nonmitotic conditions. The GRASP65/GM130 complex can interact with p115, suggesting that all three proteins function as a complex with roles in vesicle docking and cisternal stacking. Like GM130, GRASP65 is heavily phosphorylated during mitosis. GRASP65 is myristoylated at its N-terminus, which may account for its association with the Golgi membrane. The protein contains two imperfectly repeated domains (from F16 through S108 and from W112 through P202 in GI 4432587; SEQ ID NO:10) followed by a serine-rich C-terminal domain which may be involved in cell cycle regulation. The binding site for GM130 has been mapped to amino acids G194 through I201 within the second repeated domain. The first repeated domain, though similar to the second, does not bind GM130. The binding site for GRASP65 on GM130 was mapped to the C-terminus of GM130, including the final four hydrophobic amino acids. The interaction of GRASP65 with GM130 resembles the binding of PDZ domain-containing proteins to their ligands. The GYGY sequence within the GRASP65 binding site for GM130 is similar to the conserved GLGF sequence of PDZ domains. In addition, PDZ proteins recognize the C-terminal four amino acids of their ligands. (See, e.g., Warren, G. and V. Malhotra (1998) *Curr. Opin. Cell Biol.* 10:493-498; Lowe, M. et al. (1998) *Trends Cell Biol.* 8:40-44; Barr, F.A. et al. (1997) *Cell* 91:253-262; Barr, F.A. et al. (1998) *EMBO J.* 17:3258-3268.)

Defects in protein trafficking to organelles or the cell surface are involved in numerous human diseases and disorders. Defects in the trafficking of membrane-bound receptors and ion channels are associated with cystic fibrosis (cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator), glucose-galactose malabsorption syndrome (Na⁺/glucose cotransporter), hypercholesterolemia (low-density lipoprotein

receptor), and forms of diabetes mellitus (insulin receptor). Abnormal hormonal secretion is linked to disorders including diabetes insipidus (vasopressin), hyper- and hypoglycemia (insulin, glucagon), Grave's disease and goiter (thyroid hormone), and Cushing's and Addison's diseases (adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)).

- 5 Cancer cells secrete excessive amounts of hormones or other biologically active peptides. Disorders related to this excessive secretion include: fasting hypoglycemia due to increased insulin secretion from insulinoma-islet cell tumors; hypertension due to increased epinephrine and norepinephrine secreted from pheochromocytomas of the adrenal medulla and sympathetic paraganglia; and carcinoid syndrome, which includes abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and valvular heart disease, caused
- 10 by excessive amounts of vasoactive substances (serotonin, bradykinin, histamine, prostaglandins, and polypeptide hormones) secreted from intestinal tumors. Ectopic synthesis and secretion of biologically active peptides occurs including ACTH and vasopressin in lung and pancreatic cancers, parathyroid hormone in lung and bladder cancers, calcitonin in lung and breast cancers, and thyroid-stimulating hormone in medullary thyroid carcinoma.

15 Cell Junctions

- Cell junctions are regions of contact between adjacent cells and between cells and the surrounding extracellular matrix. Cell junctions are comprised of both intracellular and extracellular protein complexes associated with the plasma membrane. In addition, cytoskeletal filaments that traverse the cytoplasm are anchored to the cell cortex by means of human cell junction proteins. Cell junctions are
- 20 dynamic structures that are responsive to signals such as cytokines and growth factors and are also capable of signal transduction. The dynamic properties of cell junctions influence cell shape, strength, flexibility, motility, and adhesion. Cell-cell and cell-matrix contacts are often disrupted in neoplastically transformed cells, suggesting a mechanism for uncontrolled cell proliferation and metastasis.

- Tight junctions are present around the lateral circumference of epithelial or endothelial cells.
- 25 (Reviewed in Balda, M.S. and K. Matter (1998) J. Cell Sci. 111:541-547; Lampugnani, M.G. and E. Dejana (1997) Curr. Opin. Cell Biol. 9:674-682.) Epithelia and endothelia are monolayers of polarized cells that separate a body compartment (the basolateral side) from the outside environment or a topologically equivalent space (the apical side). The apical and basolateral domains are polarized, containing different cell membrane components such as lipids and membrane-associated proteins. Tight
- 30 junctions constitute a continuous, circumferential seal around cells, forming a barrier to diffusion of solutes across the cell sheet. Tight junctions also function as a boundary between apical and basolateral membrane domains, preventing lateral diffusion of membrane associated proteins, such as receptors, between compartments and thus maintaining cell polarity.

Maintenance of epithelial cell polarity is essential for the proper function of many epithelial organs. In the kidney, for example, the functions of reabsorption and secretion depend upon the polarized insertion of specialized channels and transporters to apical membranes lining the renal tubule lumen or basolateral membranes adjacent to the interstitium and blood space. Defective polarization of membrane proteins can lead to renal cystic diseases. (Wilson, P.D. (1997) *Am. J. Physiol.* 272:F434-F442.) The barrier function of tight junctions is also important, as disruptions to tight junction permeability are involved in a wide range of gastrointestinal pathologies. Agents such as aspirin or ethanol which increase gastric tight junction permeability initiate and amplify gastric mucosal injury by allowing back-diffusion of H⁺ ions into the mucosa. Abnormal tight junction permeability may also be the cause of inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease. Certain bacterial toxins cause intestinal epithelial tight junction abnormalities and contribute to diarrhea by dissipating electrochemical gradients needed for proper intestinal absorption and secretion. Structural and functional disruptions of tight junctions are also observed in inherited cholestatic liver disorders and cholestasis associated with common bile duct obstruction of the liver (Balda, M.S. et al. (1992) *Yale J. Biol. Med.* 65:725-735).

The protein components of tight junctions include ZO-1 and ZO-2 (zona occludens), cytoplasmic proteins associated with the plasma membrane at tight junctions. ZO-1 is a PDZ domain-containing protein which associates with spectrin and thus may link tight junctions to the actin cytoskeleton. Other cytoplasmic components of tight junctions include cingulin, 7H6 antigen, symplekin, and small rab family GTPases. The first identified component of the tight junction strands, which form the actual junction between cells, was the integral membrane protein occludin, a 65 kD protein with four transmembrane domains. ZO-1 binds to the carboxy-terminal region of occludin and may localize occludin to the tight junction. A recently identified family of proteins, the claudins, are also components of tight junction strands.

Claudins are 22-25 kD proteins which also contain four conserved transmembrane domains, but have no sequence homology to occludin (Furuse, M. et al. (1998) *J. Cell Biol.* 141:1539-1550). At least eight members of the claudin family have been cloned from mice. Claudin-2, in particular, is the most ancestral member of the claudin family. The eight claudins studied so far all have distinct tissue distributions and claudin-6, in particular, appears to be developmentally regulated (Morita, K. et al. (1999) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 96:511-516). Claudin-2 expression is primarily restricted to the liver and kidney, with low levels of expression in the brain (Furuse et al. *supra*). Both claudin-1 and claudin-2 localize exclusively to the tight junction by immunofluorescence, and introduction of cDNA for claudin-1 and claudin-2 into mouse fibroblasts lacking tight junctions could induce tight junction formation (Furuse, M. et al. (1998) *J. Cell Biol.* 143:391-401). As occludin expression induces only a small number of short

strands, the claudins appear to be the major structural components of tight junction strands, with occludin being an accessory protein.

Other classes of transmembrane proteins involved in different types of cell junction formation and cell adhesion are the integrins, cadherins, and selectins. Integrins are transmembrane receptors at focal adhesions, actin-based cell junctions that occur between cells and the extracellular matrix. It now appears that a second class of cell surface molecules modify the type of adhesion mediated by primary integrin receptors. In particular, the syndecans, a family of heparan sulfate proteoglycans, act as co-receptors in adhesion and modify the downstream organization of the cytoskeleton. For example, although integrin is sufficient for attachment and spreading of primary fibroblasts, a secondary signal through interactions of matrix molecules with syndecans is needed for later stages of focal adhesion and stress fiber formation. The glycosaminoglycan chains of syndecans interact with the heparan binding domains of matrix proteins such as fibronectin, laminin, tenascin, and collagens, as well as with growth factors, proteases and protease inhibitors. Syndecans also interact with components of downstream signaling pathways, including protein kinase C and the src/cortactin pathway (Woods, A. et al. (1998) *Matrix Biol.* 17:477-483; Rapraeger, A.C. and V.L. Ott (1998) *Curr. Opin. Cell Biol.* 10:620-628).

A recently discovered protein, syntenin, interacts with the cytoplasmic domains of syndecans and may form the link between syndecans and the cytoskeleton (Grootjans, J.J. et al. (1997) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 94:13683-13688). Syntenin contains two tandem PDZ domains (from K110 through P193 and from F194 through I274 in GI 3342560; SEQ ID NO:12), both of which are required to bind syndecan. Syntenin coclusters with syndecans at the plasma membrane, and its localization is affected by overexpression of syndecans 1, 2, and 4. Overexpression of syntenin results in cells that are larger, flatter, and have many cell surface projections, demonstrating the effect of syntenin on membrane dynamics and microfilament organization (Grootjans et al. *supra*).

The discovery of new human membrane-associated organizational proteins and the polynucleotides encoding them satisfies a need in the art by providing new compositions which are useful in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cell proliferative disorders, including cancer, and autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, developmental, vesicle trafficking, reproductive, gastrointestinal, and renal disorders.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention features substantially purified polypeptides, human membrane-associated organizational proteins, referred to collectively as "HJNCT" and individually as "HJNCT-1," "HJNCT-2," "HJNCT-3," and "HJNCT-4." In one aspect, the invention provides a substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4,

and fragments thereof.

The invention further provides a substantially purified variant having at least 95% amino acid identity to at least one of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof. The invention also provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide encoding the
5 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof. The invention also includes an isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 90% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof.

Additionally, the invention provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide which hybridizes
10 under stringent conditions to the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof. The invention also provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof.

15 The invention also provides a method for detecting a polynucleotide in a sample containing nucleic acids, the method comprising the steps of (a) hybridizing the complement of the polynucleotide sequence to at least one of the polynucleotides of the sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and (b) detecting the hybridization complex, wherein the presence of the hybridization complex correlates with the presence of a polynucleotide in the sample. In one aspect, the method further comprises
20 amplifying the polynucleotide prior to hybridization.

The invention also provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5-8, and fragments thereof. The invention further provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 90% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5-8,
25 and fragments thereof. The invention also provides an isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5-8, and fragments thereof.

The invention further provides an expression vector containing at least a fragment of the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group
30 consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof. In another aspect, the expression vector is contained within a host cell.

The invention also provides a method for producing a polypeptide, the method comprising the steps of: (a) culturing the host cell containing an expression vector containing at least a fragment of a polynucleotide under conditions suitable for the expression of the polypeptide; and (b) recovering the

polypeptide from the host cell culture.

The invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified polypeptide having the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof, in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

5 The invention further includes a purified antibody which binds to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof. The invention also provides a purified agonist and a purified antagonist to the polypeptide.

The invention also provides a method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of HJNCT, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of
10 such treatment an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified polypeptide having the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof, in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

The invention also provides a method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with increased expression or activity of HJNCT, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of
15 such treatment an effective amount of an antagonist of a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4, and fragments thereof.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES AND TABLES

Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C show the amino acid sequence alignment between HJNCT-1 (Incyte
20 Clone number 2687924; SEQ ID NO:1) and rat Homer (GI 1913909; SEQ ID NO:9), produced using the multisequence alignment program of LASERGENE software (DNASTAR Inc, Madison WI).

Figure 2 shows the amino acid sequence alignment between HJNCT-3 (Incyte Clone number 2594049; SEQ ID NO:3) and mouse claudin-2 (GI 3335184; SEQ ID NO:11), produced using the multisequence alignment program of LASERGENE software.

25 Figures 3A and 3B show the amino acid sequence alignment between HJNCT-4 (Incyte Clone number 5139028; SEQ ID NO:4) and mouse syntenin (GI 3342560; SEQ ID NO:12), produced using the multisequence alignment program of LASERGENE software.

Table 1 shows polypeptide and nucleotide sequence identification numbers (SEQ ID NOs), clone identification numbers (clone IDs), cDNA libraries, and cDNA fragments used to assemble full-length
30 sequences encoding HJNCT.

Table 2 shows features of each polypeptide sequence, including potential motifs, homologous sequences, and methods and algorithms used for identification of HJNCT.

Table 3 shows useful fragments of each nucleic acid sequence; the tissue-specific expression patterns of each nucleic acid sequence as determined by northern analysis; diseases, disorders, or

conditions associated with these tissues; and the vector into which each cDNA was cloned.

Table 4 describes the tissues used to construct the cDNA libraries from which cDNA clones encoding HJNCT were isolated.

Table 5 shows the tools, programs, and algorithms used to analyze HJNCT, along with applicable
5 descriptions, references, and threshold parameters.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Before the present proteins, nucleotide sequences, and methods are described, it is understood that this invention is not limited to the particular machines, materials and methods described, as these may
10 vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only, and is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention which will be limited only by the appended claims.

It must be noted that as used herein and in the appended claims, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include plural reference unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, a
15 reference to "a host cell" includes a plurality of such host cells, and a reference to "an antibody" is a reference to one or more antibodies and equivalents thereof known to those skilled in the art, and so forth.

Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meanings as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Although any machines, materials, and methods similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used to practice
20 or test the present invention, the preferred machines, materials and methods are now described. All publications mentioned herein are cited for the purpose of describing and disclosing the cell lines, protocols, reagents and vectors which are reported in the publications and which might be used in connection with the invention. Nothing herein is to be construed as an admission that the invention is not entitled to antedate such disclosure by virtue of prior invention.

25 DEFINITIONS

"HJNCT" refers to the amino acid sequences of substantially purified HJNCT obtained from any species, particularly a mammalian species, including bovine, ovine, porcine, murine, equine, and preferably the human species, from any source, whether natural, synthetic, semi-synthetic, or recombinant.

30 The term "agonist" refers to a molecule which, when bound to HJNCT, increases or prolongs the duration of the effect of HJNCT. Agonists may include proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, or any other molecules which bind to and modulate the effect of HJNCT.

An "allelic variant" is an alternative form of the gene encoding HJNCT. Allelic variants may result from at least one mutation in the nucleic acid sequence and may result in altered mRNAs or in

polypeptides whose structure or function may or may not be altered. Any given natural or recombinant gene may have none, one, or many allelic forms. Common mutational changes which give rise to allelic variants are generally ascribed to natural deletions, additions, or substitutions of nucleotides. Each of these types of changes may occur alone, or in combination with the others, one or more times in a given
5 sequence.

“Altered” nucleic acid sequences encoding HJNCT include those sequences with deletions, insertions, or substitutions of different nucleotides, resulting in a polynucleotide the same as HJNCT or a polypeptide with at least one functional characteristic of HJNCT. Included within this definition are polymorphisms which may or may not be readily detectable using a particular oligonucleotide probe of
10 the polynucleotide encoding HJNCT, and improper or unexpected hybridization to allelic variants, with a locus other than the normal chromosomal locus for the polynucleotide sequence encoding HJNCT. The encoded protein may also be “altered,” and may contain deletions, insertions, or substitutions of amino acid residues which produce a silent change and result in a functionally equivalent HJNCT. Deliberate amino acid substitutions may be made on the basis of similarity in polarity, charge, solubility,
15 hydrophobicity, hydrophilicity, and/or the amphipathic nature of the residues, as long as the biological or immunological activity of HJNCT is retained. For example, negatively charged amino acids may include aspartic acid and glutamic acid, positively charged amino acids may include lysine and arginine, and amino acids with uncharged polar head groups having similar hydrophilicity values may include leucine, isoleucine, and valine; glycine and alanine; asparagine and glutamine; serine and threonine; and
20 phenylalanine and tyrosine.

The terms “amino acid” and “amino acid sequence” refer to an oligopeptide, peptide, polypeptide, or protein sequence, or a fragment of any of these, and to naturally occurring or synthetic molecules. In this context, “fragments,” “immunogenic fragments,” or “antigenic fragments” refer to fragments of HJNCT which are preferably at least 5 to about 15 amino acids in length, most preferably at least 14
25 amino acids, and which retain some biological activity or immunological activity of HJNCT. Where “amino acid sequence” is recited to refer to an amino acid sequence of a naturally occurring protein molecule, “amino acid sequence” and like terms are not meant to limit the amino acid sequence to the complete native amino acid sequence associated with the recited protein molecule.

“Amplification” relates to the production of additional copies of a nucleic acid sequence.

30 Amplification is generally carried out using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technologies well known in the art.

The term “antagonist” refers to a molecule which, when bound to HJNCT, decreases the amount or the duration of the effect of the biological or immunological activity of HJNCT. Antagonists may include proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, antibodies, or any other molecules which decrease the

effect of HJNCT.

The term "antibody" refers to intact molecules as well as to fragments thereof, such as Fab, F(ab')₂, and Fv fragments, which are capable of binding the epitopic determinant. Antibodies that bind HJNCT polypeptides can be prepared using intact polypeptides or using fragments containing small peptides of interest as the immunizing antigen. The polypeptide or oligopeptide used to immunize an animal (e.g., a mouse, a rat, or a rabbit) can be derived from the translation of RNA, or synthesized chemically, and can be conjugated to a carrier protein if desired. Commonly used carriers that are chemically coupled to peptides include bovine serum albumin, thyroglobulin, and keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). The coupled peptide is then used to immunize the animal.

The term "antigenic determinant" refers to that fragment of a molecule (i.e., an epitope) that makes contact with a particular antibody. When a protein or a fragment of a protein is used to immunize a host animal, numerous regions of the protein may induce the production of antibodies which bind specifically to antigenic determinants (given regions or three-dimensional structures on the protein). An antigenic determinant may compete with the intact antigen (i.e., the immunogen used to elicit the immune response) for binding to an antibody.

The term "antisense" refers to any composition containing a nucleic acid sequence which is complementary to the "sense" strand of a specific nucleic acid sequence. Antisense molecules may be produced by any method including synthesis or transcription. Once introduced into a cell, the complementary nucleotides combine with natural sequences produced by the cell to form duplexes and to block either transcription or translation. The designation "negative" can refer to the antisense strand, and the designation "positive" can refer to the sense strand.

The term "biologically active" refers to a protein having structural, regulatory, or biochemical functions of a naturally occurring molecule. Likewise, "immunologically active" refers to the capability of the natural, recombinant, or synthetic HJNCT, or of any oligopeptide thereof, to induce a specific immune response in appropriate animals or cells and to bind with specific antibodies.

The terms "complementary" and "complementarity" refer to the natural binding of polynucleotides by base pairing. For example, the sequence "5' A-G-T 3'" bonds to the complementary sequence "3' T-C-A 5'." Complementarity between two single-stranded molecules may be "partial," such that only some of the nucleic acids bind, or it may be "complete," such that total complementarity exists between the single stranded molecules. The degree of complementarity between nucleic acid strands has significant effects on the efficiency and strength of the hybridization between the nucleic acid strands. This is of particular importance in amplification reactions, which depend upon binding between nucleic acids strands, and in the design and use of peptide nucleic acid (PNA) molecules.

A "composition comprising a given polynucleotide sequence" and a "composition comprising a

given amino acid sequence" refer broadly to any composition containing the given polynucleotide or amino acid sequence. The composition may comprise a dry formulation or an aqueous solution. Compositions comprising polynucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT or fragments of HJNCT may be employed as hybridization probes. The probes may be stored in freeze-dried form and may be associated
5 with a stabilizing agent such as a carbohydrate. In hybridizations, the probe may be deployed in an aqueous solution containing salts (e.g., NaCl), detergents (e.g., sodium dodecyl sulfate; SDS), and other components (e.g., Denhardt's solution, dry milk, salmon sperm DNA, etc.).

"Consensus sequence" refers to a nucleic acid sequence which has been resequenced to resolve uncalled bases, extended using the XL-PCR kit (Perkin-Elmer, Norwalk CT) in the 5' and/or the 3'
10 direction, and resequenced, or which has been assembled from the overlapping sequences of more than one Incyte Clone using a computer program for fragment assembly, such as the GELVIEW fragment assembly system (GCG, Madison WI). Some sequences have been both extended and assembled to produce the consensus sequence.

The term "correlates with expression of a polynucleotide" indicates that the detection of the
15 presence of nucleic acids, the same or related to a nucleic acid sequence encoding HJNCT, by northern analysis is indicative of the presence of nucleic acids encoding HJNCT in a sample, and thereby correlates with expression of the transcript from the polynucleotide encoding HJNCT.

A "deletion" refers to a change in the amino acid or nucleotide sequence that results in the absence of one or more amino acid residues or nucleotides.

20 The term "derivative" refers to the chemical modification of a polypeptide sequence, or a polynucleotide sequence. Chemical modifications of a polynucleotide sequence can include, for example, replacement of hydrogen by an alkyl, acyl, or amino group. A derivative polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide which retains at least one biological or immunological function of the natural molecule. A derivative polypeptide is one modified by glycosylation, pegylation, or any similar process that retains at
25 least one biological or immunological function of the polypeptide from which it was derived.

The term "similarity" refers to a degree of complementarity. There may be partial similarity or complete similarity. The word "identity" may substitute for the word "similarity." A partially complementary sequence that at least partially inhibits an identical sequence from hybridizing to a target nucleic acid is referred to as "substantially similar." The inhibition of hybridization of the completely
30 complementary sequence to the target sequence may be examined using a hybridization assay (Southern or northern blot, solution hybridization, and the like) under conditions of reduced stringency. A substantially similar sequence or hybridization probe will compete for and inhibit the binding of a completely similar (identical) sequence to the target sequence under conditions of reduced stringency. This is not to say that conditions of reduced stringency are such that non-specific binding is permitted, as

reduced stringency conditions require that the binding of two sequences to one another be a specific (i.e., a selective) interaction. The absence of non-specific binding may be tested by the use of a second target sequence which lacks even a partial degree of complementarity (e.g., less than about 30% similarity or identity). In the absence of non-specific binding, the substantially similar sequence or probe will not
5 hybridize to the second non-complementary target sequence.

The phrases "percent identity" and "% identity" refer to the percentage of sequence similarity found in a comparison of two or more amino acid or nucleic acid sequences. Percent identity can be determined electronically, e.g., by using the MEGALIGN program (DNASTAR, Madison WI) which creates alignments between two or more sequences according to methods selected by the user, e.g., the
10 clustal method. (See, e.g., Higgins, D.G. and P.M. Sharp (1988) *Gene* 73:237-244.) Parameters for each method may be the default parameters provided by MEGALIGN or may be specified by the user. The clustal algorithm groups sequences into clusters by examining the distances between all pairs. The clusters are aligned pairwise and then in groups. The percentage similarity between two amino acid sequences, e.g., sequence A and sequence B, is calculated by dividing the length of sequence A, minus
15 the number of gap residues in sequence A, minus the number of gap residues in sequence B, into the sum of the residue matches between sequence A and sequence B, times one hundred. Gaps of low or of no similarity between the two amino acid sequences are not included in determining percentage similarity. Percent identity between nucleic acid sequences can also be counted or calculated by other methods known in the art, e.g., the Jotun Hein method. (See, e.g., Hein, J. (1990) *Methods Enzymol.* 183:626-
20 645.) Identity between sequences can also be determined by other methods known in the art, e.g., by varying hybridization conditions.

"Human artificial chromosomes" (HACs) are linear microchromosomes which may contain DNA sequences of about 6 kb to 10 Mb in size, and which contain all of the elements required for stable mitotic chromosome segregation and maintenance.

25 The term "humanized antibody" refers to antibody molecules in which the amino acid sequence in the non-antigen binding regions has been altered so that the antibody more closely resembles a human antibody, and still retains its original binding ability.

"Hybridization" refers to any process by which a strand of nucleic acid binds with a complementary strand through base pairing.

30 The term "hybridization complex" refers to a complex formed between two nucleic acid sequences by virtue of the formation of hydrogen bonds between complementary bases. A hybridization complex may be formed in solution (e.g., C_0t or R_0t analysis) or formed between one nucleic acid sequence present in solution and another nucleic acid sequence immobilized on a solid support (e.g., paper, membranes, filters, chips, pins or glass slides, or any other appropriate substrate to which cells or

their nucleic acids have been fixed).

The words "insertion" and "addition" refer to changes in an amino acid or nucleotide sequence resulting in the addition of one or more amino acid residues or nucleotides, respectively, to the sequence found in the naturally occurring molecule.

5 "Immune response" can refer to conditions associated with inflammation, trauma, immune disorders, or infectious or genetic disease, etc. These conditions can be characterized by expression of various factors, e.g., cytokines, chemokines, and other signaling molecules, which may affect cellular and systemic defense systems.

The term "microarray" refers to an arrangement of distinct polynucleotides on a substrate.

10 The terms "element" and "array element" in a microarray context, refer to hybridizable polynucleotides arranged on the surface of a substrate.

The term "modulate" refers to a change in the activity of HJNCT. For example, modulation may cause an increase or a decrease in protein activity, binding characteristics, or any other biological, functional, or immunological properties of HJNCT.

15 The phrases "nucleic acid" or "nucleic acid sequence," as used herein, refer to a nucleotide, oligonucleotide, polynucleotide, or any fragment thereof. These phrases also refer to DNA or RNA of genomic or synthetic origin which may be single-stranded or double-stranded and may represent the sense or the antisense strand, to peptide nucleic acid (PNA), or to any DNA-like or RNA-like material. In this context, "fragments" refers to those nucleic acid sequences which comprise a region of unique
20 polynucleotide sequence that specifically identifies SEQ ID NO:5-8, for example, as distinct from any other sequence in the same genome. For example, a fragment of SEQ ID NO:5-8 is useful in hybridization and amplification technologies and in analogous methods that distinguish SEQ ID NO:5-8 from related polynucleotide sequences. A fragment of SEQ ID NO:5-8 is at least about 15-20 nucleotides in length. The precise length of the fragment of SEQ ID NO:5-8 and the region of SEQ ID NO:5-8 to
25 which the fragment corresponds are routinely determinable by one of ordinary skill in the art based on the intended purpose for the fragment. In some cases, a fragment, when translated, would produce polypeptides retaining some functional characteristic, e.g., antigenicity, or structural domain characteristic, e.g., ATP-binding site, of the full-length polypeptide.

The terms "operably associated" and "operably linked" refer to functionally related nucleic acid
30 sequences. A promoter is operably associated or operably linked with a coding sequence if the promoter controls the translation of the encoded polypeptide. While operably associated or operably linked nucleic acid sequences can be contiguous and in the same reading frame, certain genetic elements, e.g., repressor genes, are not contiguously linked to the sequence encoding the polypeptide but still bind to operator sequences that control expression of the polypeptide.

The term "oligonucleotide" refers to a nucleic acid sequence of at least about 6 nucleotides to 60 nucleotides, preferably about 15 to 30 nucleotides, and most preferably about 20 to 25 nucleotides, which can be used in PCR amplification or in a hybridization assay or microarray. "Oligonucleotide" is substantially equivalent to the terms "amplimer," "primer," "oligomer," and "probe," as these terms are
5 commonly defined in the art.

"Peptide nucleic acid" (PNA) refers to an antisense molecule or anti-gene agent which comprises an oligonucleotide of at least about 5 nucleotides in length linked to a peptide backbone of amino acid residues ending in lysine. The terminal lysine confers solubility to the composition. PNAs preferentially bind complementary single stranded DNA or RNA and stop transcript elongation, and may be pegylated
10 to extend their lifespan in the cell.

The term "sample" is used in its broadest sense. A sample suspected of containing nucleic acids encoding HJNCT, or fragments thereof, or HJNCT itself, may comprise a bodily fluid; an extract from a cell, chromosome, organelle, or membrane isolated from a cell; a cell; genomic DNA, RNA, or cDNA, in solution or bound to a substrate; a tissue; a tissue print; etc.

15 The terms "specific binding" and "specifically binding" refer to that interaction between a protein or peptide and an agonist, an antibody, or an antagonist. The interaction is dependent upon the presence of a particular structure of the protein, e.g., the antigenic determinant or epitope, recognized by the binding molecule. For example, if an antibody is specific for epitope "A," the presence of a polypeptide containing the epitope A, or the presence of free unlabeled A, in a reaction containing free labeled A and
20 the antibody will reduce the amount of labeled A that binds to the antibody.

The term "stringent conditions" refers to conditions which permit hybridization between polynucleotides and the claimed polynucleotides. Stringent conditions can be defined by salt concentration, the concentration of organic solvent, e.g., formamide, temperature, and other conditions well known in the art. In particular, stringency can be increased by reducing the concentration of salt,
25 increasing the concentration of formamide, or raising the hybridization temperature.

The term "substantially purified" refers to nucleic acid or amino acid sequences that are removed from their natural environment and are isolated or separated, and are at least about 60% free, preferably about 75% free, and most preferably about 90% free from other components with which they are naturally associated.

30 A "substitution" refers to the replacement of one or more amino acids or nucleotides by different amino acids or nucleotides, respectively.

"Substrate" refers to any suitable rigid or semi-rigid support including membranes, filters, chips, slides, wafers, fibers, magnetic or nonmagnetic beads, gels, tubing, plates, polymers, microparticles and capillaries. The substrate can have a variety of surface forms, such as wells, trenches, pins, channels and

pores, to which polynucleotides or polypeptides are bound.

“Transformation” describes a process by which exogenous DNA enters and changes a recipient cell. Transformation may occur under natural or artificial conditions according to various methods well known in the art, and may rely on any known method for the insertion of foreign nucleic acid sequences into a prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cell. The method for transformation is selected based on the type of host cell being transformed and may include, but is not limited to, viral infection, electroporation, heat shock, lipofection, and particle bombardment. The term “transformed” cells includes stably transformed cells in which the inserted DNA is capable of replication either as an autonomously replicating plasmid or as part of the host chromosome, as well as transiently transformed cells which express the inserted DNA or RNA for limited periods of time.

A “variant” of HJNCT polypeptides refers to an amino acid sequence that is altered by one or more amino acid residues. The variant may have “conservative” changes, wherein a substituted amino acid has similar structural or chemical properties (e.g., replacement of leucine with isoleucine). More rarely, a variant may have “nonconservative” changes (e.g., replacement of glycine with tryptophan). Analogous minor variations may also include amino acid deletions or insertions, or both. Guidance in determining which amino acid residues may be substituted, inserted, or deleted without abolishing biological or immunological activity may be found using computer programs well known in the art, for example, LASERGENE software (DNASTAR).

The term “variant,” when used in the context of a polynucleotide sequence, may encompass a polynucleotide sequence related to HJNCT. This definition may also include, for example, “allelic” (as defined above), “splice,” “species,” or “polymorphic” variants. A splice variant may have significant identity to a reference molecule, but will generally have a greater or lesser number of polynucleotides due to alternate splicing of exons during mRNA processing. The corresponding polypeptide may possess additional functional domains or an absence of domains. Species variants are polynucleotide sequences that vary from one species to another. The resulting polypeptides generally will have significant amino acid identity relative to each other. A polymorphic variant is a variation in the polynucleotide sequence of a particular gene between individuals of a given species. Polymorphic variants also may encompass “single nucleotide polymorphisms” (SNPs) in which the polynucleotide sequence varies by one base. The presence of SNPs may be indicative of, for example, a certain population, a disease state, or a propensity for a disease state.

THE INVENTION

The invention is based on the discovery of new human membrane-associated organizational proteins (HJNCT), the polynucleotides encoding HJNCT, and the use of these compositions for the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of cell proliferative disorders, including cancer, and

autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, developmental, vesicle trafficking, reproductive, gastrointestinal, and renal disorders.

Table 1 lists the Incyte clones used to assemble full length nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT. Columns 1 and 2 show the sequence identification numbers (SEQ ID NOs) of the polypeptide and nucleotide sequences, respectively. Column 3 shows the clone IDs of the Incyte clones in which nucleic acids encoding each HJNCT were identified, and column 4 shows the cDNA libraries from which these clones were isolated. Column 5 shows Incyte clones and their corresponding cDNA libraries. Clones for which cDNA libraries are not indicated were derived from pooled cDNA libraries. The clones in column 5 were used to assemble the consensus nucleotide sequence of each HJNCT and are useful as fragments in hybridization technologies.

The columns of Table 2 show various properties of each of the polypeptides of the invention: column 1 references the SEQ ID NO; column 2 shows the number of amino acid residues in each polypeptide; column 3 shows potential phosphorylation sites; column 4 shows potential glycosylation sites; column 5 shows the amino acid residues comprising signature sequences and motifs; column 6 shows homologous sequences as identified by BLAST analysis; and column 7 shows analytical methods used to characterize each polypeptide through sequence homology and protein motifs.

As shown in Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C, HJNCT-1 has chemical and structural similarity with rat Homer (GI 1913909; SEQ ID NO:9). In particular, HJNCT-1 and rat Homer share 72% identity. Furthermore, HJNCT-1 and rat Homer share 100% identity within the region from residue T65 to F93, as shown in Figure 1A. Within this region, HJNCT-1 contains a putative GLGF segment from G90 to F93 and an arginine residue at R84. HJNCT-2 has chemical and structural similarity with rat GRASP65 (GI 4432587; SEQ ID NO:10). In particular, HJNCT-2 and rat GRASP65 share 71% identity. HJNCT-2 and rat GRASP65 are 100% identical from residue L50 to residue I62 of HJNCT-2, the region shown to be important for binding GM130 in GRASP65. Like rat GRASP65, HJNCT-2 contains many possible phosphorylation sites and has possible N-myristoylation sites. As shown in Figure 2, HJNCT-3 has chemical and structural homology with mouse claudin-2 (GI 3335184; SEQ ID NO:11). In particular, HJNCT-3 and mouse claudin-2 share 91% identity. As shown in Figures 3A and 3B, HJNCT-4 has chemical and structural homology with mouse syntenin (GI 3342560; SEQ ID NO:12). In particular, HJNCT-4 and mouse syntenin share 61% identity.

The columns of Table 3 show the tissue-specificity and diseases, disorders, or conditions associated with nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT. The first column of Table 3 lists the nucleotide SEQ ID NOs. Column 2 lists fragments of the nucleotide sequences of column 1. These fragments are useful, for example, in hybridization or amplification technologies to identify SEQ ID NO:5-8 and to distinguish between SEQ ID NO:5-8 and related polynucleotide sequences. The polypeptides encoded by

these fragments are useful, for example, as immunogenic peptides. Column 3 lists tissue categories which express HJNCT as a fraction of total tissues expressing HJNCT. Column 4 lists diseases, disorders, or conditions associated with those tissues expressing HJNCT as a fraction of total tissues expressing HJNCT. Of particular note is the expression of HJNCT-1 in reproductive tissue, nervous tissue, and fetal cell lines; the expression of HJNCT-2 in tissues associated with cancer and cell proliferation disorders; the expression of HJNCT-3 in cancerous, fetal, proliferating, gastrointestinal, and urologic tissues; and the expression of HJNCT-4 in cancerous, fetal, proliferating, and gastrointestinal tissues. Column 5 lists the vectors used to subclone each cDNA library.

The columns of Table 4 show descriptions of the tissues used to construct the cDNA libraries from which cDNA clones encoding HJNCT were isolated. Column 1 references the nucleotide SEQ ID NOs, column 2 shows the cDNA libraries from which these clones were isolated, and column 3 shows the tissue origins and other descriptive information relevant to the cDNA libraries in column 2.

The invention also encompasses HJNCT variants. A preferred HJNCT variant is one which has at least about 85%, more preferably at least about 90%, and most preferably at least about 95% amino acid sequence identity to the HJNCT amino acid sequence, and which contains at least one functional or structural characteristic of HJNCT.

The invention also encompasses polynucleotides which encode HJNCT. In a particular embodiment, the invention encompasses a polynucleotide sequence comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5-8, which encodes HJNCT.

The invention also encompasses a variant of a polynucleotide sequence encoding HJNCT. In particular, such a variant polynucleotide sequence will have at least about 85%, more preferably at least about 90%, and most preferably at least about 95% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide sequence encoding HJNCT. A particular aspect of the invention encompasses a variant of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5-8 which has at least about 85%, more preferably at least about 90%, and most preferably at least about 95% polynucleotide sequence identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5-8. Any one of the polynucleotide variants described above can encode an amino acid sequence which contains at least one functional or structural characteristic of HJNCT.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that as a result of the degeneracy of the genetic code, a multitude of polynucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT, some bearing minimal similarity to the polynucleotide sequences of any known and naturally occurring gene, may be produced. Thus, the invention contemplates each and every possible variation of polynucleotide sequence that could be made by selecting combinations based on possible codon choices. These combinations are made in accordance with the standard triplet genetic code as applied to the polynucleotide sequence of naturally occurring

HJNCT, and all such variations are to be considered as being specifically disclosed.

Although nucleotide sequences which encode HJNCT and its variants are preferably capable of hybridizing to the nucleotide sequence of the naturally occurring HJNCT under appropriately selected conditions of stringency, it may be advantageous to produce nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT or its
5 derivatives possessing a substantially different codon usage, e.g., inclusion of non-naturally occurring codons. Codons may be selected to increase the rate at which expression of the peptide occurs in a particular prokaryotic or eukaryotic host in accordance with the frequency with which particular codons are utilized by the host. Other reasons for substantially altering the nucleotide sequence encoding HJNCT and its derivatives without altering the encoded amino acid sequences include the production of RNA
10 transcripts having more desirable properties, such as a greater half-life, than transcripts produced from the naturally occurring sequence.

The invention also encompasses production of DNA sequences which encode HJNCT and HJNCT derivatives, or fragments thereof, entirely by synthetic chemistry. After production, the synthetic sequence may be inserted into any of the many available expression vectors and cell systems using
15 reagents well known in the art. Moreover, synthetic chemistry may be used to introduce mutations into a sequence encoding HJNCT or any fragment thereof.

Also encompassed by the invention are polynucleotide sequences that are capable of hybridizing to the claimed polynucleotide sequences, and, in particular, to those shown in SEQ ID NO:5-8 and fragments thereof under various conditions of stringency. (See, e.g., Wahl, G.M. and S.L. Berger (1987)
20 Methods Enzymol. 152:399-407; Kimmel, A.R. (1987) Methods Enzymol. 152:507-511.) For example, stringent salt concentration will ordinarily be less than about 750 mM NaCl and 75 mM trisodium citrate, preferably less than about 500 mM NaCl and 50 mM trisodium citrate, and most preferably less than about 250 mM NaCl and 25 mM trisodium citrate. Low stringency hybridization can be obtained in the absence of organic solvent, e.g., formamide, while high stringency hybridization can be obtained in the
25 presence of at least about 35% formamide, and most preferably at least about 50% formamide. Stringent temperature conditions will ordinarily include temperatures of at least about 30°C, more preferably of at least about 37°C, and most preferably of at least about 42°C. Varying additional parameters, such as hybridization time, the concentration of detergent, e.g., sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), and the inclusion or exclusion of carrier DNA, are well known to those skilled in the art. Various levels of stringency are
30 accomplished by combining these various conditions as needed. In a preferred embodiment, hybridization will occur at 30°C in 750 mM NaCl, 75 mM trisodium citrate, and 1% SDS. In a more preferred embodiment, hybridization will occur at 37°C in 500 mM NaCl, 50 mM trisodium citrate, 1% SDS, 35% formamide, and 100 µg/ml denatured salmon sperm DNA (ssDNA). In a most preferred embodiment, hybridization will occur at 42°C in 250 mM NaCl, 25 mM trisodium citrate, 1% SDS, 50 % formamide,

and 200 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ssDNA. Useful variations on these conditions will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

The washing steps which follow hybridization can also vary in stringency. Wash stringency conditions can be defined by salt concentration and by temperature. As above, wash stringency can be increased by decreasing salt concentration or by increasing temperature. For example, stringent salt concentration for the wash steps will preferably be less than about 30 mM NaCl and 3 mM trisodium citrate, and most preferably less than about 15 mM NaCl and 1.5 mM trisodium citrate. Stringent temperature conditions for the wash steps will ordinarily include temperature of at least about 25°C, more preferably of at least about 42°C, and most preferably of at least about 68°C. In a preferred embodiment, wash steps will occur at 25°C in 30 mM NaCl, 3 mM trisodium citrate, and 0.1% SDS. In a more preferred embodiment, wash steps will occur at 42°C in 15 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM trisodium citrate, and 0.1% SDS. In a most preferred embodiment, wash steps will occur at 68°C in 15 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM trisodium citrate, and 0.1% SDS. Additional variations on these conditions will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

Methods for DNA sequencing are well known in the art and may be used to practice any of the embodiments of the invention. The methods may employ such enzymes as the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I, SEQUENASE (US Biochemical, Cleveland OH), Taq polymerase (Perkin-Elmer), thermostable T7 polymerase (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Piscataway NJ), or combinations of polymerases and proofreading exonucleases such as those found in the ELONGASE amplification system (Life Technologies, Gaithersburg MD). Preferably, sequence preparation is automated with machines such as the MICROLAB 2200 liquid transfer system (Hamilton, Reno NV), PTC200 thermal cycler (MJ Research, Watertown MA) and ABI CATALYST 800 thermal cycler (Perkin-Elmer). Sequencing is then carried out using either the ABI 373 or 377 DNA sequencing system (Perkin-Elmer), the MEGABACE 1000 DNA sequencing system (Molecular Dynamics, Sunnyvale CA), or other systems known in the art. The resulting sequences are analyzed using a variety of algorithms which are well known in the art. (See, e.g., Ausubel, F.M. (1997) Short Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons, New York NY, unit 7.7; Meyers, R.A. (1995) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Wiley VCH, New York NY, pp. 856-853.)

The nucleic acid sequences encoding HJNCT may be extended utilizing a partial nucleotide sequence and employing various PCR-based methods known in the art to detect upstream sequences, such as promoters and regulatory elements. For example, one method which may be employed, restriction-site PCR, uses universal and nested primers to amplify unknown sequence from genomic DNA within a cloning vector. (See, e.g., Sarkar, G. (1993) PCR Methods Applic. 2:318-322.) Another method, inverse PCR, uses primers that extend in divergent directions to amplify unknown sequence from a circularized

template. The template is derived from restriction fragments comprising a known genomic locus and surrounding sequences. (See, e.g., Triglia, T. et al. (1988) *Nucleic Acids Res.* 16:8186.) A third method, capture PCR, involves PCR amplification of DNA fragments adjacent to known sequences in human and yeast artificial chromosome DNA. (See, e.g., Lagerstrom, M. et al. (1991) *PCR Methods Applic.*

5 1:111-119.) In this method, multiple restriction enzyme digestions and ligations may be used to insert an engineered double-stranded sequence into a region of unknown sequence before performing PCR. Other methods which may be used to retrieve unknown sequences are known in the art. (See, e.g., Parker, J.D. et al. (1991) *Nucleic Acids Res.* 19:3055-3060). Additionally, one may use PCR, nested primers, and PROMOTERFINDER libraries (Clontech, Palo Alto CA) to walk genomic DNA. This procedure avoids
10 the need to screen libraries and is useful in finding intron/exon junctions. For all PCR-based methods, primers may be designed using commercially available software, such as OLIGO 4.06 primer analysis software (National Biosciences, Plymouth MN) or another appropriate program, to be about 22 to 30 nucleotides in length, to have a GC content of about 50% or more, and to anneal to the template at temperatures of about 68°C to 72°C.

15 When screening for full-length cDNAs, it is preferable to use libraries that have been size-selected to include larger cDNAs. In addition, random-primed libraries, which often include sequences containing the 5' regions of genes, are preferable for situations in which an oligo d(T) library does not yield a full-length cDNA. Genomic libraries may be useful for extension of sequence into 5' non-transcribed regulatory regions.

20 Capillary electrophoresis systems which are commercially available may be used to analyze the size or confirm the nucleotide sequence of sequencing or PCR products. In particular, capillary sequencing may employ flowable polymers for electrophoretic separation, four different nucleotide-specific, laser-stimulated fluorescent dyes, and a charge coupled device camera for detection of the emitted wavelengths. Output/light intensity may be converted to electrical signal using appropriate
25 software (e.g., GENOTYPER and SEQUENCE NAVIGATOR, Perkin-Elmer), and the entire process from loading of samples to computer analysis and electronic data display may be computer controlled. Capillary electrophoresis is especially preferable for sequencing small DNA fragments which may be present in limited amounts in a particular sample.

In another embodiment of the invention, polynucleotide sequences or fragments thereof which
30 encode HJNCT may be cloned in recombinant DNA molecules that direct expression of HJNCT, or fragments or functional equivalents thereof, in appropriate host cells. Due to the inherent degeneracy of the genetic code, other DNA sequences which encode substantially the same or a functionally equivalent amino acid sequence may be produced and used to express HJNCT.

The nucleotide sequences of the present invention can be engineered using methods generally

known in the art in order to alter HJNCT-encoding sequences for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, modification of the cloning, processing, and/or expression of the gene product. DNA shuffling by random fragmentation and PCR reassembly of gene fragments and synthetic oligonucleotides may be used to engineer the nucleotide sequences. For example, oligonucleotide-mediated site-directed

5 mutagenesis may be used to introduce mutations that create new restriction sites, alter glycosylation patterns, change codon preference, produce splice variants, and so forth.

In another embodiment, sequences encoding HJNCT may be synthesized, in whole or in part, using chemical methods well known in the art. (See, e.g., Caruthers, M.H. et al. (1980) *Nucleic Acids Symp. Ser. 7*:215-223, and Horn, T. et al. (1980) *Nucleic Acids Symp. Ser. 7*:225-232.) Alternatively,

10 HJNCT itself or a fragment thereof may be synthesized using chemical methods. For example, peptide synthesis can be performed using various solid-phase techniques. (See, e.g., Roberge, J.Y. et al. (1995) *Science* 269:202-204.) Automated synthesis may be achieved using the ABI 431A peptide synthesizer (Perkin-Elmer). Additionally, the amino acid sequence of HJNCT, or any part thereof, may be altered during direct synthesis and/or combined with sequences from other proteins, or any part thereof, to
15 produce a variant polypeptide.

The peptide may be substantially purified by preparative high performance liquid chromatography. (See, e.g., Chiez, R.M. and F.Z. Regnier (1990) *Methods Enzymol.* 182:392-421.) The composition of the synthetic peptides may be confirmed by amino acid analysis or by sequencing. (See, e.g., Creighton, T. (1984) Proteins, Structures and Molecular Properties, WH Freeman, New York NY.)

20 In order to express a biologically active HJNCT, the nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT or derivatives thereof may be inserted into an appropriate expression vector, i.e., a vector which contains the necessary elements for transcriptional and translational control of the inserted coding sequence in a suitable host. These elements include regulatory sequences, such as enhancers, constitutive and inducible promoters, and 5' and 3' untranslated regions in the vector and in polynucleotide sequences encoding
25 HJNCT. Such elements may vary in their strength and specificity. Specific initiation signals may also be used to achieve more efficient translation of sequences encoding HJNCT. Such signals include the ATG initiation codon and adjacent sequences, e.g. the Kozak sequence. In cases where sequences encoding HJNCT and its initiation codon and upstream regulatory sequences are inserted into the appropriate expression vector, no additional transcriptional or translational control signals may be needed. However,
30 in cases where only coding sequence, or a fragment thereof, is inserted, exogenous translational control signals including an in-frame ATG initiation codon should be provided by the vector. Exogenous translational elements and initiation codons may be of various origins, both natural and synthetic. The efficiency of expression may be enhanced by the inclusion of enhancers appropriate for the particular host cell system used. (See, e.g., Scharf, D. et al. (1994) *Results Probl. Cell Differ.* 20:125-162.)

Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art may be used to construct expression vectors containing sequences encoding HJNCT and appropriate transcriptional and translational control elements. These methods include in vitro recombinant DNA techniques, synthetic techniques, and in vivo genetic recombination. (See, e.g., Sambrook, J. et al. (1989) Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Plainview NY, ch. 4, 8, and 16-17; Ausubel, F.M. et al. (1995) Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons, New York NY, ch. 9, 13, and 16.)

A variety of expression vector/host systems may be utilized to contain and express sequences encoding HJNCT. These include, but are not limited to, microorganisms such as bacteria transformed with recombinant bacteriophage, plasmid, or cosmid DNA expression vectors; yeast transformed with yeast expression vectors; insect cell systems infected with viral expression vectors (e.g., baculovirus); plant cell systems transformed with viral expression vectors (e.g., cauliflower mosaic virus, CaMV, or tobacco mosaic virus, TMV) or with bacterial expression vectors (e.g., Ti or pBR322 plasmids); or animal cell systems. The invention is not limited by the host cell employed.

In bacterial systems, a number of cloning and expression vectors may be selected depending upon the use intended for polynucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT. For example, routine cloning, subcloning, and propagation of polynucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT can be achieved using a multifunctional E. coli vector such as PBLUESCRIPT (Stratagene, La Jolla CA) or PSPT1 plasmid (Life Technologies). Ligation of sequences encoding HJNCT into the vector's multiple cloning site disrupts the *lacZ* gene, allowing a colorimetric screening procedure for identification of transformed bacteria containing recombinant molecules. In addition, these vectors may be useful for in vitro transcription, dideoxy sequencing, single strand rescue with helper phage, and creation of nested deletions in the cloned sequence. (See, e.g., Van Heeke, G. and S.M. Schuster (1989) *J. Biol. Chem.* 264:5503-5509.) When large quantities of HJNCT are needed, e.g. for the production of antibodies, vectors which direct high level expression of HJNCT may be used. For example, vectors containing the strong, inducible T5 or T7 bacteriophage promoter may be used.

Yeast expression systems may be used for production of HJNCT. A number of vectors containing constitutive or inducible promoters, such as alpha factor, alcohol oxidase, and PGH promoters, may be used in the yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae or Pichia pastoris. In addition, such vectors direct either the secretion or intracellular retention of expressed proteins and enable integration of foreign sequences into the host genome for stable propagation. (See, e.g., Ausubel, 1995, supra; Bitter, G.A. et al. (1987) *Methods Enzymol.* 153:516-544; and Scorer, C.A. et al. (1994) *Bio/Technology* 12:181-184.)

Plant systems may also be used for expression of HJNCT. Transcription of sequences encoding HJNCT may be driven viral promoters, e.g., the 35S and 19S promoters of CaMV used alone or in combination with the omega leader sequence from TMV (Takamatsu, N. (1987) *EMBO J.* 6:307-311).

Alternatively, plant promoters such as the small subunit of RUBISCO or heat shock promoters may be used. (See, e.g., Coruzzi, G. et al. (1984) EMBO J. 3:1671-1680; Broglie, R. et al. (1984) Science 224:838-843; and Winter, J. et al. (1991) Results Probl. Cell Differ. 17:85-105.) These constructs can be introduced into plant cells by direct DNA transformation or pathogen-mediated transfection. (See, e.g.,

5 The McGraw Hill Yearbook of Science and Technology (1992) McGraw Hill, New York NY, pp. 191-196.)

In mammalian cells, a number of viral-based expression systems may be utilized. In cases where an adenovirus is used as an expression vector, sequences encoding HJNCT may be ligated into an adenovirus transcription/translation complex consisting of the late promoter and tripartite leader

10 sequence. Insertion in a non-essential E1 or E3 region of the viral genome may be used to obtain infective virus which expresses HJNCT in host cells. (See, e.g., Logan, J. and T. Shenk (1984) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:3655-3659.) In addition, transcription enhancers, such as the Rous sarcoma virus (RSV) enhancer, may be used to increase expression in mammalian host cells. SV40 or EBV-based vectors may also be used for high-level protein expression.

15 Human artificial chromosomes (HACs) may also be employed to deliver larger fragments of DNA than can be contained in and expressed from a plasmid. HACs of about 6 kb to 10 Mb are constructed and delivered via conventional delivery methods (liposomes, polycationic amino polymers, or vesicles) for therapeutic purposes. (See, e.g., Harrington, J.J. et al. (1997) Nat. Genet. 15:345-355.)

For long term production of recombinant proteins in mammalian systems, stable expression of

20 HJNCT in cell lines is preferred. For example, sequences encoding HJNCT can be transformed into cell lines using expression vectors which may contain viral origins of replication and/or endogenous expression elements and a selectable marker gene on the same or on a separate vector. Following the introduction of the vector, cells may be allowed to grow for about 1 to 2 days in enriched media before being switched to selective media. The purpose of the selectable marker is to confer resistance to a

25 selective agent, and its presence allows growth and recovery of cells which successfully express the introduced sequences. Resistant clones of stably transformed cells may be propagated using tissue culture techniques appropriate to the cell type.

Any number of selection systems may be used to recover transformed cell lines. These include, but are not limited to, the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase and adenine phosphoribosyltransferase

30 genes, for use in *tk* or *ap^r* cells, respectively. (See, e.g., Wigler, M. et al. (1977) Cell 11:223-232; Lowy, I. et al. (1980) Cell 22:817-823.) Also, antimetabolite, antibiotic, or herbicide resistance can be used as the basis for selection. For example, *dhfr* confers resistance to methotrexate; *neo* confers resistance to the aminoglycosides neomycin and G-418; and *als* and *pat* confer resistance to chlorsulfuron and phosphinotricin acetyltransferase, respectively. (See, e.g., Wigler, M. et al. (1980) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.

USA 77:3567-3570; Colbere-Garapin, F. et al. (1981) J. Mol. Biol. 150:1-14.) Additional selectable genes have been described, e.g., *trpB* and *hisD*, which alter cellular requirements for metabolites. (See, e.g., Hartman, S.C. and R.C. Mulligan (1988) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:8047-8051.) Visible markers, e.g., anthocyanins, green fluorescent proteins (GFP; Clontech), β glucuronidase and its substrate β -glucuronide, or luciferase and its substrate luciferin may be used. These markers can be used not only to identify transformants, but also to quantify the amount of transient or stable protein expression attributable to a specific vector system. (See, e.g., Rhodes, C.A. (1995) Methods Mol. Biol. 55:121-131.)

Although the presence/absence of marker gene expression suggests that the gene of interest is also present, the presence and expression of the gene may need to be confirmed. For example, if the sequence encoding HJNCT is inserted within a marker gene sequence, transformed cells containing sequences encoding HJNCT can be identified by the absence of marker gene function. Alternatively, a marker gene can be placed in tandem with a sequence encoding HJNCT under the control of a single promoter. Expression of the marker gene in response to induction or selection usually indicates expression of the tandem gene as well.

In general, host cells that contain the nucleic acid sequence encoding HJNCT and that express HJNCT may be identified by a variety of procedures known to those of skill in the art. These procedures include, but are not limited to, DNA-DNA or DNA-RNA hybridizations, PCR amplification, and protein bioassay or immunoassay techniques which include membrane, solution, or chip based technologies for the detection and/or quantification of nucleic acid or protein sequences.

Immunological methods for detecting and measuring the expression of HJNCT using either specific polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies are known in the art. Examples of such techniques include enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs), radioimmunoassays (RIAs), and fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS). A two-site, monoclonal-based immunoassay utilizing monoclonal antibodies reactive to two non-interfering epitopes on HJNCT is preferred, but a competitive binding assay may be employed. These and other assays are well known in the art. (See, e.g., Hampton, R. et al. (1990) Serological Methods, a Laboratory Manual, APS Press, St. Paul MN, Sect. IV; Coligan, J.E. et al. (1997) Current Protocols in Immunology, Greene Pub. Associates and Wiley-Interscience, New York NY; and Pound, J.D. (1998) Immunochemical Protocols, Humana Press, Totowa NJ).

A wide variety of labels and conjugation techniques are known by those skilled in the art and may be used in various nucleic acid and amino acid assays. Means for producing labeled hybridization or PCR probes for detecting sequences related to polynucleotides encoding HJNCT include oligolabeling, nick translation, end-labeling, or PCR amplification using a labeled nucleotide. Alternatively, the sequences encoding HJNCT, or any fragments thereof, may be cloned into a vector for the production of an mRNA probe. Such vectors are known in the art, are commercially available, and may be used to

synthesize RNA probes in vitro by addition of an appropriate RNA polymerase such as T7, T3, or SP6 and labeled nucleotides. These procedures may be conducted using a variety of commercially available kits, such as those provided by Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Promega (Madison WI), and US Biochemical. Suitable reporter molecules or labels which may be used for ease of detection include
5 radionuclides, enzymes, fluorescent, chemiluminescent, or chromogenic agents, as well as substrates, cofactors, inhibitors, magnetic particles, and the like.

Host cells transformed with nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT may be cultured under conditions suitable for the expression and recovery of the protein from cell culture. The protein produced by a transformed cell may be secreted or retained intracellularly depending on the sequence and/or the
10 vector used. As will be understood by those of skill in the art, expression vectors containing polynucleotides which encode HJNCT may be designed to contain signal sequences which direct secretion of HJNCT through a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell membrane.

In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen for its ability to modulate expression of the inserted sequences or to process the expressed protein in the desired fashion. Such modifications of the
15 polypeptide include, but are not limited to, acetylation, carboxylation, glycosylation, phosphorylation, lipidation, and acylation. Post-translational processing which cleaves a "prepro" form of the protein may also be used to specify protein targeting, folding, and/or activity. Different host cells which have specific cellular machinery and characteristic mechanisms for post-translational activities (e.g., CHO, HeLa, MDCK, HEK293, and WI38) are available from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC,
20 Manassas VA) and may be chosen to ensure the correct modification and processing of the foreign protein.

In another embodiment of the invention, natural, modified, or recombinant nucleic acid sequences encoding HJNCT may be ligated to a heterologous sequence resulting in translation of a fusion protein in any of the aforementioned host systems. For example, a chimeric HJNCT protein containing a
25 heterologous moiety that can be recognized by a commercially available antibody may facilitate the screening of peptide libraries for inhibitors of HJNCT activity. Heterologous protein and peptide moieties may also facilitate purification of fusion proteins using commercially available affinity matrices. Such moieties include, but are not limited to, glutathione S-transferase (GST), maltose binding protein (MBP), thioredoxin (Trx), calmodulin binding peptide (CBP), 6-His, FLAG, *c-myc*, and hemagglutinin (HA).
30 GST, MBP, Trx, CBP, and 6-His enable purification of their cognate fusion proteins on immobilized glutathione, maltose, phenylarsine oxide, calmodulin, and metal-chelate resins, respectively. FLAG, *c-myc*, and hemagglutinin (HA) enable immunoaffinity purification of fusion proteins using commercially available monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies that specifically recognize these epitope tags. A fusion protein may also be engineered to contain a proteolytic cleavage site located between the HJNCT

encoding sequence and the heterologous protein sequence, so that HJNCT may be cleaved away from the heterologous moiety following purification. Methods for fusion protein expression and purification are discussed in Ausubel (1995, supra, ch 10). A variety of commercially available kits may also be used to facilitate expression and purification of fusion proteins.

5 In a further embodiment of the invention, synthesis of radiolabeled HJNCT may be achieved in vitro using the TNT rabbit reticulocyte lysate or wheat germ extract systems (Promega). These systems couple transcription and translation of protein-coding sequences operably associated with the T7, T3, or SP6 promoters. Translation takes place in the presence of a radiolabeled amino acid precursor, preferably ³⁵S-methionine.

10 Fragments of HJNCT may be produced not only by recombinant production, but also by direct peptide synthesis using solid-phase techniques. (See, e.g., Creighton, supra, pp. 55-60.) Protein synthesis may be performed by manual techniques or by automation. Automated synthesis may be achieved, for example, using the ABI 431A peptide synthesizer (Perkin-Elmer). Various fragments of HJNCT may be synthesized separately and then combined to produce the full length molecule.

15 THERAPEUTICS

Chemical and structural similarity, e.g., in the context of sequences and motifs, exists between regions of HJNCT and human membrane-associated organizational proteins. In addition, the expression of HJNCT is closely associated with reproductive, neurological, developmental, cancerous, fetal or proliferating, gastrointestinal, and urologic tissues, and with inflammation and the immune response.

20 Therefore, HJNCT appears to play a role in cell proliferative disorders, including cancer, and autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, developmental, vesicle trafficking, reproductive, gastrointestinal, and renal disorders. In the treatment of disorders associated with increased HJNCT expression or activity, it is desirable to decrease the expression or activity of HJNCT. In the treatment of disorders associated with decreased HJNCT expression or activity, it is desirable to increase the
25 expression or activity of HJNCT.

Therefore, in one embodiment, HJNCT or a fragment or derivative thereof may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of HJNCT. Examples of such disorders include, but are not limited to, a cell proliferative disorder such as actinic keratosis, arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis, bursitis, cirrhosis, hepatitis, mixed connective tissue disease
30 (MCTD), myelofibrosis, paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria, polycythemia vera, psoriasis, primary thrombocythemia, and cancer, including adenocarcinoma, leukemia, lymphoma, melanoma, myeloma, sarcoma, teratocarcinoma, and, in particular, cancers of the adrenal gland, bladder, bone, bone marrow, brain, breast, cervix, gall bladder, ganglia, gastrointestinal tract, heart, kidney, liver, lung, muscle, ovary, pancreas, parathyroid, penis, prostate, salivary glands, skin, spleen, testis, thymus, thyroid, and uterus; an

autoimmune/inflammatory disorder such as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), Addison's disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, allergies, ankylosing spondylitis, amyloidosis, anemia, asthma, atherosclerosis, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune thyroiditis, autoimmune polyendocrinopathy-candidiasis-ectodermal dystrophy (APECED), bronchitis, cholecystitis, contact dermatitis, Crohn's disease, atopic dermatitis, dermatomyositis, diabetes mellitus, emphysema, episodic lymphopenia with lymphocytotoxins, erythroblastosis fetalis, erythema nodosum, atrophic gastritis, glomerulonephritis, Goodpasture's syndrome, gout, Graves' disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, hypereosinophilia, irritable bowel syndrome, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, myocardial or pericardial inflammation, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, pancreatitis, polymyositis, psoriasis, Reiter's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic anaphylaxis, systemic lupus erythematosus, systemic sclerosis, thrombocytopenic purpura, ulcerative colitis, uveitis, Werner syndrome, complications of cancer, hemodialysis, and extracorporeal circulation, viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic, protozoal, and helminthic infections, and trauma; a neurological disorder such as epilepsy, ischemic cerebrovascular disease, stroke, cerebral neoplasms, Alzheimer's disease, Pick's disease, Huntington's disease, dementia, Parkinson's disease and other extrapyramidal disorders, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and other motor neuron disorders, progressive neural muscular atrophy, retinitis pigmentosa, hereditary ataxias, multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases, bacterial and viral meningitis, brain abscess, subdural empyema, epidural abscess, suppurative intracranial thrombophlebitis, myelitis and radiculitis, viral central nervous system disease, prion diseases including kuru, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, and Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker syndrome, fatal familial insomnia, nutritional and metabolic diseases of the nervous system, neurofibromatosis, tuberous sclerosis, cerebelloretinal hemangioblastomatosis, encephalotrigeminal syndrome, mental retardation and other developmental disorders of the central nervous system, cerebral palsy, neuroskeletal disorders, autonomic nervous system disorders, cranial nerve disorders, spinal cord diseases, muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders, peripheral nervous system disorders, dermatomyositis and polymyositis, inherited, metabolic, endocrine, and toxic myopathies, myasthenia gravis, periodic paralysis, mental disorders including mood, anxiety, and schizophrenic disorders, akathisia, amnesia, catatonia, diabetic neuropathy, tardive dyskinesia, dystonias, paranoid psychoses, postherpetic neuralgia, and Tourette's disorder; a developmental disorder such as renal tubular acidosis, anemia, Cushing's syndrome, achondroplastic dwarfism, Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, gonadal dysgenesis, WAGR syndrome (Wilms' tumor, aniridia, genitourinary abnormalities, and mental retardation), Smith-Magenis syndrome, myelodysplastic syndrome, hereditary mucoepithelial dysplasia, hereditary keratodermas, hereditary neuropathies such as Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and neurofibromatosis, hypothyroidism, hydrocephalus, seizure disorders such as Sydenham's chorea and cerebral palsy, spina

bifida, Williams syndrome, anencephaly, craniorachischisis, congenital glaucoma, cataract, sensorineural hearing loss, and any disorder associated with cell growth and differentiation, embryogenesis, and morphogenesis involving any tissue, organ, or system of a subject, e.g., the brain, adrenal gland, kidney, skeletal or reproductive system; a vesicle trafficking disorder such as cystic fibrosis, glucose-galactose malabsorption syndrome, hypercholesterolemia, diabetes mellitus, diabetes insipidus, hyper- and hypoglycemia, Grave's disease, goiter, Cushing's disease, and Addison's disease, other conditions associated with abnormal vesicle trafficking, including acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), allergies including hay fever, asthma, and urticaria (hives); autoimmune hemolytic anemia, proliferative glomerulonephritis, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, rheumatoid and osteoarthritis; scleroderma, Chediak-Higashi and Sjogren's syndromes; systemic lupus erythematosus, toxic shock syndrome, traumatic tissue damage, and viral, bacterial, fungal, helminthic, and protozoal infections; a reproductive disorder such as a disorder of prolactin production; infertility, including tubal disease, ovulatory defects, and endometriosis; disruptions of the estrous cycle, disruptions of the menstrual cycle, polycystic ovary syndrome, ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, endometrial and ovarian tumors, uterine fibroids, autoimmune disorders, ectopic pregnancies, and teratogenesis; cancer of the breast, fibrocystic breast disease, and galactorrhea; disruptions of spermatogenesis, abnormal sperm physiology, cancer of the testis, cancer of the prostate, benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis, Peyronie's disease, impotence, carcinoma of the male breast, and gynecomastia; a gastrointestinal disorder such as dysphagia, peptic esophagitis, esophageal spasm, esophageal stricture, esophageal carcinoma, dyspepsia, indigestion, gastritis, gastric carcinoma, anorexia, nausea, emesis, gastroparesis, antral or pyloric edema, abdominal angina, pyrosis, gastroenteritis, intestinal obstruction, infections of the intestinal tract, peptic ulcer, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, cholestasis, pancreatitis, pancreatic carcinoma, biliary tract disease, hepatitis, hyperbilirubinemia, cirrhosis, passive congestion of the liver, hepatoma, infectious colitis, ulcerative colitis, ulcerative proctitis, Crohn's disease, Whipple's disease, Mallory-Weiss syndrome, colonic carcinoma, colonic obstruction, irritable bowel syndrome, short bowel syndrome, diarrhea, constipation, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) enteropathy, jaundice, hepatic encephalopathy, hepatorenal syndrome, hepatic steatosis, hemochromatosis, Wilson's disease, alpha₁-antitrypsin deficiency, Reye's syndrome, primary sclerosing cholangitis, liver infarction, portal vein obstruction and thrombosis, centrilobular necrosis, peliosis hepatis, hepatic vein thrombosis, veno-occlusive disease, preeclampsia, eclampsia, acute fatty liver of pregnancy, intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy, and hepatic tumors including nodular hyperplasias, adenomas, and carcinomas; and a renal disorder such as renal amyloidosis, hypertension, primary aldosteronism, Addison's disease, renal failure, glomerulonephritis, chronic glomerulonephritis, tubulointerstitial nephritis, cystic disorders of the kidney and dysplastic malformations such as polycystic

disease, renal dysplasias, and cortical or medullary cysts, inherited polycystic renal diseases (PRD) such as recessive and autosomal dominant PRD, medullary cystic disease, medullary sponge kidney and tubular dysplasia, Alport's syndrome, non-renal cancers which affect renal physiology such as bronchogenic tumors of the lungs or tumors of the basal region of the brain, multiple myeloma, adenocarcinomas of the kidney, metastatic renal carcinoma, and nephrotoxic disorders including any functional or morphologic change in the kidney produced by any pharmaceutical, chemical, or biological agent that is ingested, injected, inhaled, or absorbed. Some broad categories of common nephrotoxic agents are heavy metals, all classes of antibiotics, analgesics, solvents, oxalosis-inducing agents, anticancer drugs, herbicides and pesticides, botanicals and biologicals, and antiepileptics.

10 In another embodiment, a vector capable of expressing HJNCT or a fragment or derivative thereof may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of HJNCT including, but not limited to, those described above.

In a further embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a substantially purified HJNCT in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of HJNCT including, but not limited to, those provided above.

15 In still another embodiment, an agonist which modulates the activity of HJNCT may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of HJNCT including, but not limited to, those listed above.

20 In a further embodiment, an antagonist of HJNCT may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a disorder associated with increased expression or activity of HJNCT. Examples of such disorders include, but are not limited to, those cell proliferative disorders, including cancer, and autoimmune/inflammatory, neurological, developmental, vesicle trafficking, reproductive, gastrointestinal, and renal disorders described above. In one aspect, an antibody which specifically binds HJNCT may be used directly as an antagonist or indirectly as a targeting or delivery mechanism for bringing a pharmaceutical agent to cells or tissue which express HJNCT.

25 In an additional embodiment, a vector expressing the complement of the polynucleotide encoding HJNCT may be administered to a subject to treat or prevent a disorder associated with increased expression or activity of HJNCT including, but not limited to, those described above.

30 In other embodiments, any of the proteins, antagonists, antibodies, agonists, complementary sequences, or vectors of the invention may be administered in combination with other appropriate therapeutic agents. Selection of the appropriate agents for use in combination therapy may be made by one of ordinary skill in the art, according to conventional pharmaceutical principles. The combination of therapeutic agents may act synergistically to effect the treatment or prevention of the various disorders

described above. Using this approach, one may be able to achieve therapeutic efficacy with lower dosages of each agent, thus reducing the potential for adverse side effects.

An antagonist of HJNCT may be produced using methods which are generally known in the art. In particular, purified HJNCT may be used to produce antibodies or to screen libraries of pharmaceutical agents to identify those which specifically bind HJNCT. Antibodies to HJNCT may also be generated using methods that are well known in the art. Such antibodies may include, but are not limited to, polyclonal, monoclonal, chimeric, and single chain antibodies, Fab fragments, and fragments produced by a Fab expression library. Neutralizing antibodies (i.e., those which inhibit dimer formation) are especially preferred for therapeutic use.

For the production of antibodies, various hosts including goats, rabbits, rats, mice, humans, and others may be immunized by injection with HJNCT or with any fragment or oligopeptide thereof which has immunogenic properties. Depending on the host species, various adjuvants may be used to increase immunological response. Such adjuvants include, but are not limited to, Freund's, mineral gels such as aluminum hydroxide, and surface active substances such as lysolecithin, pluronic polyols, polyanions, peptides, oil emulsions, KLH, and dinitrophenol. Among adjuvants used in humans, BCG (bacilli Calmette-Guerin) and Corynebacterium parvum are especially preferable.

It is preferred that the oligopeptides, peptides, or fragments used to induce antibodies to HJNCT have an amino acid sequence consisting of at least about 5 amino acids, and, more preferably, of at least about 10 amino acids. It is also preferable that these oligopeptides, peptides, or fragments are identical to a portion of the amino acid sequence of the natural protein and contain the entire amino acid sequence of a small, naturally occurring molecule. Short stretches of HJNCT amino acids may be fused with those of another protein, such as KLH, and antibodies to the chimeric molecule may be produced.

Monoclonal antibodies to HJNCT may be prepared using any technique which provides for the production of antibody molecules by continuous cell lines in culture. These include, but are not limited to, the hybridoma technique, the human B-cell hybridoma technique, and the EBV-hybridoma technique. (See, e.g., Kohler, G. et al. (1975) Nature 256:495-497; Kozbor, D. et al. (1985) J. Immunol. Methods 81:31-42; Cote, R.J. et al. (1983) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 80:2026-2030; Cole, S.P. et al. (1984) Mol. Cell Biol. 62:109-120.)

In addition, techniques developed for the production of "chimeric antibodies," such as the splicing of mouse antibody genes to human antibody genes to obtain a molecule with appropriate antigen specificity and biological activity, can be used. (See, e.g., Morrison, S.L. et al. (1984) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:6851-6855; Neuberger, M.S. et al. (1984) Nature 312:604-608; and Takeda, S. et al. (1985) Nature 314:452-454.) Alternatively, techniques described for the production of single chain antibodies may be adapted, using methods known in the art, to produce HJNCT-specific single chain antibodies.

Antibodies with related specificity, but of distinct idiotypic composition, may be generated by chain shuffling from random combinatorial immunoglobulin libraries. (See, e.g., Burton, D.R. (1991) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88:10134-10137.)

Antibodies may also be produced by inducing *in vivo* production in the lymphocyte population or
5 by screening immunoglobulin libraries or panels of highly specific binding reagents as disclosed in the literature. (See, e.g., Orlandi, R. et al. (1989) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:3833-3837; Winter, G. et al. (1991) Nature 349:293-299.)

Antibody fragments which contain specific binding sites for HJNCT may also be generated. For example, such fragments include, but are not limited to, F(ab')₂ fragments produced by pepsin digestion
10 of the antibody molecule and Fab fragments generated by reducing the disulfide bridges of the F(ab')₂ fragments. Alternatively, Fab expression libraries may be constructed to allow rapid and easy identification of monoclonal Fab fragments with the desired specificity. (See, e.g., Huse, W.D. et al. (1989) Science 246:1275-1281.)

Various immunoassays may be used for screening to identify antibodies having the desired
15 specificity. Numerous protocols for competitive binding or immunoradiometric assays using either polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies with established specificities are well known in the art. Such immunoassays typically involve the measurement of complex formation between HJNCT and its specific antibody. A two-site, monoclonal-based immunoassay utilizing monoclonal antibodies reactive to two non-interfering HJNCT epitopes is preferred, but a competitive binding assay may also be employed
20 (Pound, *supra*).

Various methods such as Scatchard analysis in conjunction with radioimmunoassay techniques may be used to assess the affinity of antibodies for HJNCT. Affinity is expressed as an association constant, K_a , which is defined as the molar concentration of HJNCT-antibody complex divided by the molar concentrations of free antigen and free antibody under equilibrium conditions. The K_a determined
25 for a preparation of polyclonal antibodies, which are heterogeneous in their affinities for multiple HJNCT epitopes, represents the average affinity, or avidity, of the antibodies for HJNCT. The K_a determined for a preparation of monoclonal antibodies, which are monospecific for a particular HJNCT epitope, represents a true measure of affinity. High-affinity antibody preparations with K_a ranging from about 10^9 to 10^{12} L/mole are preferred for use in immunoassays in which the HJNCT-antibody complex must
30 withstand rigorous manipulations. Low-affinity antibody preparations with K_a ranging from about 10^6 to 10^7 L/mole are preferred for use in immunopurification and similar procedures which ultimately require dissociation of HJNCT, preferably in active form, from the antibody (Catty, D. (1988) Antibodies, Volume I: A Practical Approach, IRL Press, Washington, DC; Liddell, J.E. and A. Cryer (1991) A Practical Guide to Monoclonal Antibodies, John Wiley & Sons, New York NY).

The titer and avidity of polyclonal antibody preparations may be further evaluated to determine the quality and suitability of such preparations for certain downstream applications. For example, a polyclonal antibody preparation containing at least 1-2 mg specific antibody/ml, preferably 5-10 mg specific antibody/ml, is preferred for use in procedures requiring precipitation of HJNCT-antibody
5 complexes. Procedures for evaluating antibody specificity, titer, and avidity, and guidelines for antibody quality and usage in various applications, are generally available. (See, e.g., Catty, supra, and Coligan et al. supra.)

In another embodiment of the invention, the polynucleotides encoding HJNCT, or any fragment or complement thereof, may be used for therapeutic purposes. In one aspect, the complement of the
10 polynucleotide encoding HJNCT may be used in situations in which it would be desirable to block the transcription of the mRNA. In particular, cells may be transformed with sequences complementary to polynucleotides encoding HJNCT. Thus, complementary molecules or fragments may be used to modulate HJNCT activity, or to achieve regulation of gene function. Such technology is now well known in the art, and sense or antisense oligonucleotides or larger fragments can be designed from various
15 locations along the coding or control regions of sequences encoding HJNCT.

Expression vectors derived from retroviruses, adenoviruses, or herpes or vaccinia viruses, or from various bacterial plasmids, may be used for delivery of nucleotide sequences to the targeted organ, tissue, or cell population. Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art can be used to construct vectors to express nucleic acid sequences complementary to the polynucleotides encoding HJNCT. (See,
20 e.g., Sambrook, supra; Ausubel, 1995, supra.)

Genes encoding HJNCT can be turned off by transforming a cell or tissue with expression vectors which express high levels of a polynucleotide, or fragment thereof, encoding HJNCT. Such constructs may be used to introduce untranslatable sense or antisense sequences into a cell. Even in the absence of integration into the DNA, such vectors may continue to transcribe RNA molecules until they are disabled
25 by endogenous nucleases. Transient expression may last for a month or more with a non-replicating vector, and may last even longer if appropriate replication elements are part of the vector system.

As mentioned above, modifications of gene expression can be obtained by designing complementary sequences or antisense molecules (DNA, RNA, or PNA) to the control, 5', or regulatory regions of the gene encoding HJNCT. Oligonucleotides derived from the transcription initiation site, e.g.,
30 between about positions -10 and +10 from the start site, are preferred. Similarly, inhibition can be achieved using triple helix base-pairing methodology. Triple helix pairing is useful because it causes inhibition of the ability of the double helix to open sufficiently for the binding of polymerases, transcription factors, or regulatory molecules. Recent therapeutic advances using triplex DNA have been described in the literature. (See, e.g., Gee, J.E. et al. (1994) in Huber, B.E. and B.I. Carr, Molecular and

Immunologic Approaches, Futura Publishing, Mt. Kisco NY, pp. 163-177.) A complementary sequence or antisense molecule may also be designed to block translation of mRNA by preventing the transcript from binding to ribosomes.

Ribozymes, enzymatic RNA molecules, may also be used to catalyze the specific cleavage of
5 RNA. The mechanism of ribozyme action involves sequence-specific hybridization of the ribozyme molecule to complementary target RNA, followed by endonucleolytic cleavage. For example, engineered hammerhead motif ribozyme molecules may specifically and efficiently catalyze endonucleolytic cleavage of sequences encoding HJNCT.

Specific ribozyme cleavage sites within any potential RNA target are initially identified by
10 scanning the target molecule for ribozyme cleavage sites, including the following sequences: GUA, GUU, and GUC. Once identified, short RNA sequences of between 15 and 20 ribonucleotides, corresponding to the region of the target gene containing the cleavage site, may be evaluated for secondary structural features which may render the oligonucleotide inoperable. The suitability of candidate targets may also be evaluated by testing accessibility to hybridization with complementary oligonucleotides using
15 ribonuclease protection assays.

Complementary ribonucleic acid molecules and ribozymes of the invention may be prepared by any method known in the art for the synthesis of nucleic acid molecules. These include techniques for chemically synthesizing oligonucleotides such as solid phase phosphoramidite chemical synthesis. Alternatively, RNA molecules may be generated by in vitro and in vivo transcription of DNA sequences
20 encoding HJNCT. Such DNA sequences may be incorporated into a wide variety of vectors with suitable RNA polymerase promoters such as T7 or SP6. Alternatively, these cDNA constructs that synthesize complementary RNA, constitutively or inducibly, can be introduced into cell lines, cells, or tissues.

RNA molecules may be modified to increase intracellular stability and half-life. Possible modifications include, but are not limited to, the addition of flanking sequences at the 5' and/or 3' ends of
25 the molecule, or the use of phosphorothioate or 2' O-methyl rather than phosphodiesterase linkages within the backbone of the molecule. This concept is inherent in the production of PNAs and can be extended in all of these molecules by the inclusion of nontraditional bases such as inosine, queosine, and wybutosine, as well as acetyl-, methyl-, thio-, and similarly modified forms of adenine, cytidine, guanine, thymine, and uridine which are not as easily recognized by endogenous endonucleases.

30 Many methods for introducing vectors into cells or tissues are available and equally suitable for use in vivo, in vitro, and ex vivo. For ex vivo therapy, vectors may be introduced into stem cells taken from the patient and clonally propagated for autologous transplant back into that same patient. Delivery by transfection, by liposome injections, or by polycationic amino polymers may be achieved using methods which are well known in the art. (See, e.g., Goldman, C.K. et al. (1997) Nat. Biotechnol.

15:462-466.)

Any of the therapeutic methods described above may be applied to any subject in need of such therapy, including, for example, mammals such as dogs, cats, cows, horses, rabbits, monkeys, and most preferably, humans.

5 An additional embodiment of the invention relates to the administration of a pharmaceutical or sterile composition, in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, for any of the therapeutic effects discussed above. Such pharmaceutical compositions may consist of HJNCT, antibodies to HJNCT, and mimetics, agonists, antagonists, or inhibitors of HJNCT. The compositions may be administered alone or in combination with at least one other agent, such as a stabilizing compound, which
10 may be administered in any sterile, biocompatible pharmaceutical carrier including, but not limited to, saline, buffered saline, dextrose, and water. The compositions may be administered to a patient alone, or in combination with other agents, drugs, or hormones.

The pharmaceutical compositions utilized in this invention may be administered by any number of routes including, but not limited to, oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-arterial, intramedullary,
15 intrathecal, intraventricular, transdermal, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal, intranasal, enteral, topical, sublingual, or rectal means.

In addition to the active ingredients, these pharmaceutical compositions may contain suitable pharmaceutically-acceptable carriers comprising excipients and auxiliaries which facilitate processing of the active compounds into preparations which can be used pharmaceutically. Further details on
20 techniques for formulation and administration may be found in the latest edition of Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences (Maack Publishing, Easton PA).

Pharmaceutical compositions for oral administration can be formulated using pharmaceutically acceptable carriers well known in the art in dosages suitable for oral administration. Such carriers enable the pharmaceutical compositions to be formulated as tablets, pills, dragees, capsules, liquids, gels, syrups,
25 slurries, suspensions, and the like, for ingestion by the patient.

Pharmaceutical preparations for oral use can be obtained through combining active compounds with solid excipient and processing the resultant mixture of granules (optionally, after grinding) to obtain tablets or dragee cores. Suitable auxiliaries can be added, if desired. Suitable excipients include carbohydrate or protein fillers, such as sugars, including lactose, sucrose, mannitol, and sorbitol; starch
30 from corn, wheat, rice, potato, or other plants; cellulose, such as methyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose, or sodium carboxymethylcellulose; gums, including arabic and tragacanth; and proteins, such as gelatin and collagen. If desired, disintegrating or solubilizing agents may be added, such as the cross-linked polyvinyl pyrrolidone, agar, and alginic acid or a salt thereof, such as sodium alginate.

Dragee cores may be used in conjunction with suitable coatings, such as concentrated sugar solutions, which may also contain gum arabic, talc, polyvinylpyrrolidone, carbopol gel, polyethylene glycol, and/or titanium dioxide, lacquer solutions, and suitable organic solvents or solvent mixtures. Dyestuffs or pigments may be added to the tablets or dragee coatings for product identification or to
5 characterize the quantity of active compound, i.e., dosage.

Pharmaceutical preparations which can be used orally include push-fit capsules made of gelatin, as well as soft, sealed capsules made of gelatin and a coating, such as glycerol or sorbitol. Push-fit capsules can contain active ingredients mixed with fillers or binders, such as lactose or starches, lubricants, such as talc or magnesium stearate, and, optionally, stabilizers. In soft capsules, the active
10 compounds may be dissolved or suspended in suitable liquids, such as fatty oils, liquid, or liquid polyethylene glycol with or without stabilizers.

Pharmaceutical formulations suitable for parenteral administration may be formulated in aqueous solutions, preferably in physiologically compatible buffers such as Hanks' solution, Ringer's solution, or physiologically buffered saline. Aqueous injection suspensions may contain substances which increase
15 the viscosity of the suspension, such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, sorbitol, or dextran.

Additionally, suspensions of the active compounds may be prepared as appropriate oily injection suspensions. Suitable lipophilic solvents or vehicles include fatty oils, such as sesame oil, or synthetic fatty acid esters, such as ethyl oleate, triglycerides, or liposomes. Non-lipid polycationic amino polymers may also be used for delivery. Optionally, the suspension may also contain suitable stabilizers or agents
20 to increase the solubility of the compounds and allow for the preparation of highly concentrated solutions.

For topical or nasal administration, penetrants appropriate to the particular barrier to be permeated are used in the formulation. Such penetrants are generally known in the art.

The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may be manufactured in a manner that is known in the art, e.g., by means of conventional mixing, dissolving, granulating, dragee-making,
25 levigating, emulsifying, encapsulating, entrapping, or lyophilizing processes.

The pharmaceutical composition may be provided as a salt and can be formed with many acids, including but not limited to, hydrochloric, sulfuric, acetic, lactic, tartaric, malic, and succinic acids. Salts tend to be more soluble in aqueous or other protonic solvents than are the corresponding free base forms. In other cases, the preferred preparation may be a lyophilized powder which may contain any or all of the
30 following: 1 mM to 50 mM histidine, 0.1% to 2% sucrose, and 2% to 7% mannitol, at a pH range of 4.5 to 5.5, that is combined with buffer prior to use.

After pharmaceutical compositions have been prepared, they can be placed in an appropriate container and labeled for treatment of an indicated condition. For administration of HJNCT, such labeling would include amount, frequency, and method of administration.

Pharmaceutical compositions suitable for use in the invention include compositions wherein the active ingredients are contained in an effective amount to achieve the intended purpose. The determination of an effective dose is well within the capability of those skilled in the art.

For any compound, the therapeutically effective dose can be estimated initially either in cell
5 culture assays, e.g., of neoplastic cells or in animal models such as mice, rats, rabbits, dogs, or pigs. An animal model may also be used to determine the appropriate concentration range and route of administration. Such information can then be used to determine useful doses and routes for administration in humans.

A therapeutically effective dose refers to that amount of active ingredient, for example HJNCT or
10 fragments thereof, antibodies of HJNCT, and agonists, antagonists or inhibitors of HJNCT, which ameliorates the symptoms or condition. Therapeutic efficacy and toxicity may be determined by standard pharmaceutical procedures in cell cultures or with experimental animals, such as by calculating the ED_{50} (the dose therapeutically effective in 50% of the population) or LD_{50} (the dose lethal to 50% of the population) statistics. The dose ratio of toxic to therapeutic effects is the therapeutic index, which can be
15 expressed as the LD_{50}/ED_{50} ratio. Pharmaceutical compositions which exhibit large therapeutic indices are preferred. The data obtained from cell culture assays and animal studies are used to formulate a range of dosage for human use. The dosage contained in such compositions is preferably within a range of circulating concentrations that includes the ED_{50} with little or no toxicity. The dosage varies within this range depending upon the dosage form employed, the sensitivity of the patient, and the route of
20 administration.

The exact dosage will be determined by the practitioner, in light of factors related to the subject requiring treatment. Dosage and administration are adjusted to provide sufficient levels of the active moiety or to maintain the desired effect. Factors which may be taken into account include the severity of the disease state, the general health of the subject, the age, weight, and gender of the subject, time and
25 frequency of administration, drug combination(s), reaction sensitivities, and response to therapy. Long-acting pharmaceutical compositions may be administered every 3 to 4 days, every week, or biweekly depending on the half-life and clearance rate of the particular formulation.

Normal dosage amounts may vary from about 0.1 μg to 100,000 μg , up to a total dose of about 1 gram, depending upon the route of administration. Guidance as to particular dosages and methods of
30 delivery is provided in the literature and generally available to practitioners in the art. Those skilled in the art will employ different formulations for nucleotides than for proteins or their inhibitors. Similarly, delivery of polynucleotides or polypeptides will be specific to particular cells, conditions, locations, etc.

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In another embodiment, antibodies which specifically bind HJNCT may be used for the diagnosis of disorders characterized by expression of HJNCT, or in assays to monitor patients being treated with HJNCT or agonists, antagonists, or inhibitors of HJNCT. Antibodies useful for diagnostic purposes may
5 be prepared in the same manner as described above for therapeutics. Diagnostic assays for HJNCT include methods which utilize the antibody and a label to detect HJNCT in human body fluids or in extracts of cells or tissues. The antibodies may be used with or without modification, and may be labeled by covalent or non-covalent attachment of a reporter molecule. A wide variety of reporter molecules, several of which are described above, are known in the art and may be used.

10 A variety of protocols for measuring HJNCT, including ELISAs, RIAs, and FACS, are known in the art and provide a basis for diagnosing altered or abnormal levels of HJNCT expression. Normal or standard values for HJNCT expression are established by combining body fluids or cell extracts taken from normal mammalian subjects, preferably human, with antibody to HJNCT under conditions suitable for complex formation. The amount of standard complex formation may be quantitated by various
15 methods, preferably by photometric means. Quantities of HJNCT expressed in subject, control, and disease samples from biopsied tissues are compared with the standard values. Deviation between standard and subject values establishes the parameters for diagnosing disease.

In another embodiment of the invention, the polynucleotides encoding HJNCT may be used for diagnostic purposes. The polynucleotides which may be used include oligonucleotide sequences,
20 complementary RNA and DNA molecules, and PNAs. The polynucleotides may be used to detect and quantitate gene expression in biopsied tissues in which expression of HJNCT may be correlated with disease. The diagnostic assay may be used to determine absence, presence, and excess expression of HJNCT, and to monitor regulation of HJNCT levels during therapeutic intervention.

In one aspect, hybridization with PCR probes which are capable of detecting polynucleotide
25 sequences, including genomic sequences, encoding HJNCT or closely related molecules may be used to identify nucleic acid sequences which encode HJNCT. The specificity of the probe, whether it is made from a highly specific region, e.g., the 5' regulatory region, or from a less specific region, e.g., a conserved motif, and the stringency of the hybridization or amplification (maximal, high, intermediate, or low), will determine whether the probe identifies only naturally occurring sequences encoding HJNCT,
30 allelic variants, or related sequences.

Probes may also be used for the detection of related sequences, and should preferably have at least 50% sequence identity to any of the HJNCT encoding sequences. The hybridization probes of the subject invention may be DNA or RNA and may be derived from the sequence of SEQ ID NO:5-8 or from genomic sequences including promoters, enhancers, and introns of the HJNCT gene.

Means for producing specific hybridization probes for DNAs encoding HJNCT include the cloning of polynucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT or HJNCT derivatives into vectors for the production of mRNA probes. Such vectors are known in the art, are commercially available, and may be used to synthesize RNA probes in vitro by means of the addition of the appropriate RNA polymerases and the appropriate labeled nucleotides. Hybridization probes may be labeled by a variety of reporter groups, for example, by radionuclides such as ^{32}P or ^{35}S , or by enzymatic labels, such as alkaline phosphatase coupled to the probe via avidin/biotin coupling systems, and the like.

Polynucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT may be used for the diagnosis of disorders associated with expression of HJNCT. Examples of such disorders include, but are not limited to, a cell proliferative disorder such as actinic keratosis, arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis, bursitis, cirrhosis, hepatitis, mixed connective tissue disease (MCTD), myelofibrosis, paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria, polycythemia vera, psoriasis, primary thrombocythemia, and cancer, including adenocarcinoma, leukemia, lymphoma, melanoma, myeloma, sarcoma, teratocarcinoma, and, in particular, cancers of the adrenal gland, bladder, bone, bone marrow, brain, breast, cervix, gall bladder, ganglia, gastrointestinal tract, heart, kidney, liver, lung, muscle, ovary, pancreas, parathyroid, penis, prostate, salivary glands, skin, spleen, testis, thymus, thyroid, and uterus; an autoimmune/inflammatory disorder such as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), Addison's disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, allergies, ankylosing spondylitis, amyloidosis, anemia, asthma, atherosclerosis, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune thyroiditis, autoimmune polyendocrinopathy-candidiasis-ectodermal dystrophy (APECED), bronchitis, cholecystitis, contact dermatitis, Crohn's disease, atopic dermatitis, dermatomyositis, diabetes mellitus, emphysema, episodic lymphopenia with lymphocytotoxins, erythroblastosis fetalis, erythema nodosum, atrophic gastritis, glomerulonephritis, Goodpasture's syndrome, gout, Graves' disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, hypereosinophilia, irritable bowel syndrome, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, myocardial or pericardial inflammation, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, pancreatitis, polymyositis, psoriasis, Reiter's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic anaphylaxis, systemic lupus erythematosus, systemic sclerosis, thrombocytopenic purpura, ulcerative colitis, uveitis, Werner syndrome, complications of cancer, hemodialysis, and extracorporeal circulation, viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic, protozoal, and helminthic infections, and trauma; a neurological disorder such as epilepsy, ischemic cerebrovascular disease, stroke, cerebral neoplasms, Alzheimer's disease, Pick's disease, Huntington's disease, dementia, Parkinson's disease and other extrapyramidal disorders, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and other motor neuron disorders, progressive neural muscular atrophy, retinitis pigmentosa, hereditary ataxias, multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases, bacterial and viral meningitis, brain abscess, subdural empyema, epidural abscess, suppurative intracranial thrombophlebitis, myelitis and radiculitis, viral central nervous system disease, prion diseases including kuru,

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, and Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker syndrome, fatal familial insomnia, nutritional and metabolic diseases of the nervous system, neurofibromatosis, tuberous sclerosis, cerebelloretinal hemangioblastomatosis, encephalotrigeminal syndrome, mental retardation and other developmental disorders of the central nervous system, cerebral palsy, neuroskeletal disorders, autonomic nervous system disorders, cranial nerve disorders, spinal cord diseases, muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders, peripheral nervous system disorders, dermatomyositis and polymyositis, inherited, metabolic, endocrine, and toxic myopathies, myasthenia gravis, periodic paralysis, mental disorders including mood, anxiety, and schizophrenic disorders, akathisia, amnesia, catatonia, diabetic neuropathy, tardive dyskinesia, dystonias, paranoid psychoses, postherpetic neuralgia, and Tourette's disorder; a developmental disorder such as renal tubular acidosis, anemia, Cushing's syndrome, achondroplastic dwarfism, Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, gonadal dysgenesis, WAGR syndrome (Wilms' tumor, aniridia, genitourinary abnormalities, and mental retardation), Smith-Magenis syndrome, myelodysplastic syndrome, hereditary mucoepithelial dysplasia, hereditary keratodermas, hereditary neuropathies such as Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and neurofibromatosis, hypothyroidism, hydrocephalus, seizure disorders such as Sydenham's chorea and cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Williams syndrome, anencephaly, craniorachischisis, congenital glaucoma, cataract, sensorineural hearing loss, and any disorder associated with cell growth and differentiation, embryogenesis, and morphogenesis involving any tissue, organ, or system of a subject, e.g., the brain, adrenal gland, kidney, skeletal or reproductive system; a vesicle trafficking disorder such as cystic fibrosis, glucose-galactose malabsorption syndrome, hypercholesterolemia, diabetes mellitus, diabetes insipidus, hyper- and hypoglycemia, Grave's disease, goiter, Cushing's disease, and Addison's disease, other conditions associated with abnormal vesicle trafficking, including acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), allergies including hay fever, asthma, and urticaria (hives); autoimmune hemolytic anemia, proliferative glomerulonephritis, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, rheumatoid and osteoarthritis; scleroderma, Chediak-Higashi and Sjogren's syndromes; systemic lupus erythematosus, toxic shock syndrome, traumatic tissue damage, and viral, bacterial, fungal, helminthic, and protozoal infections; a reproductive disorder such as a disorder of prolactin production; infertility, including tubal disease, ovulatory defects, and endometriosis; disruptions of the estrous cycle, disruptions of the menstrual cycle, polycystic ovary syndrome, ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, endometrial and ovarian tumors, uterine fibroids, autoimmune disorders, ectopic pregnancies, and teratogenesis; cancer of the breast, fibrocystic breast disease, and galactorrhea; disruptions of spermatogenesis, abnormal sperm physiology, cancer of the testis, cancer of the prostate, benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis, Peyronie's disease, impotence, carcinoma of the male breast, and gynecomastia; a gastrointestinal disorder such as dysphagia, peptic esophagitis, esophageal spasm, esophageal stricture, esophageal carcinoma, dyspepsia,

- indigestion, gastritis, gastric carcinoma, anorexia, nausea, emesis, gastroparesis, antral or pyloric edema, abdominal angina, pyrosis, gastroenteritis, intestinal obstruction, infections of the intestinal tract, peptic ulcer, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, cholestasis, pancreatitis, pancreatic carcinoma, biliary tract disease, hepatitis, hyperbilirubinemia, cirrhosis, passive congestion of the liver,
- 5 hepatoma, infectious colitis, ulcerative colitis, ulcerative proctitis, Crohn's disease, Whipple's disease, Mallory-Weiss syndrome, colonic carcinoma, colonic obstruction, irritable bowel syndrome, short bowel syndrome, diarrhea, constipation, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) enteropathy, jaundice, hepatic encephalopathy, hepatorenal syndrome, hepatic steatosis, hemochromatosis, Wilson's disease, α_1 -antitrypsin deficiency, Reye's syndrome, primary sclerosing
- 10 cholangitis, liver infarction, portal vein obstruction and thrombosis, centrilobular necrosis, peliosis hepatis, hepatic vein thrombosis, veno-occlusive disease, preeclampsia, eclampsia, acute fatty liver of pregnancy, intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy, and hepatic tumors including nodular hyperplasias, adenomas, and carcinomas; and a renal disorder such as renal amyloidosis, hypertension, primary aldosteronism, Addison's disease, renal failure, glomerulonephritis, chronic glomerulonephritis,
- 15 tubulointerstitial nephritis, cystic disorders of the kidney and dysplastic malformations such as polycystic disease, renal dysplasias, and cortical or medullary cysts, inherited polycystic renal diseases (PRD) such as recessive and autosomal dominant PRD, medullary cystic disease, medullary sponge kidney and tubular dysplasia, Alport's syndrome, non-renal cancers which affect renal physiology such as bronchogenic tumors of the lungs or tumors of the basal region of the brain, multiple myeloma,
- 20 adenocarcinomas of the kidney, metastatic renal carcinoma, and nephrotoxic disorders including any functional or morphologic change in the kidney produced by any pharmaceutical, chemical, or biological agent that is ingested, injected, inhaled, or absorbed. Some broad categories of common nephrotoxic agents are heavy metals, all classes of antibiotics, analgesics, solvents, oxalosis-inducing agents, anticancer drugs, herbicides and pesticides, botanicals and biologicals, and antiepileptics. The
- 25 polynucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT may be used in Southern or northern analysis, dot blot, or other membrane-based technologies; in PCR technologies; in dipstick, pin, and multiformat ELISA-like assays; and in microarrays utilizing fluids or tissues from patients to detect altered HJNCT expression. Such qualitative or quantitative methods are well known in the art.

- In a particular aspect, the nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT may be useful in assays that
- 30 detect the presence of associated disorders, particularly those mentioned above. The nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT may be labeled by standard methods and added to a fluid or tissue sample from a patient under conditions suitable for the formation of hybridization complexes. After a suitable incubation period, the sample is washed and the signal is quantitated and compared with a standard value. If the amount of signal in the patient sample is significantly altered in comparison to a control sample then

the presence of altered levels of nucleotide sequences encoding HJNCT in the sample indicates the presence of the associated disorder. Such assays may also be used to evaluate the efficacy of a particular therapeutic treatment regimen in animal studies, in clinical trials, or to monitor the treatment of an individual patient.

5 In order to provide a basis for the diagnosis of a disorder associated with expression of HJNCT, a normal or standard profile for expression is established. This may be accomplished by combining body fluids or cell extracts taken from normal subjects, either animal or human, with a sequence, or a fragment thereof, encoding HJNCT, under conditions suitable for hybridization or amplification. Standard hybridization may be quantified by comparing the values obtained from normal subjects with values from
10 an experiment in which a known amount of a substantially purified polynucleotide is used. Standard values obtained in this manner may be compared with values obtained from samples from patients who are symptomatic for a disorder. Deviation from standard values is used to establish the presence of a disorder.

Once the presence of a disorder is established and a treatment protocol is initiated, hybridization
15 assays may be repeated on a regular basis to determine if the level of expression in the patient begins to approximate that which is observed in the normal subject. The results obtained from successive assays may be used to show the efficacy of treatment over a period ranging from several days to months.

With respect to cancer, the presence of an abnormal amount of transcript (either under- or overexpressed) in biopsied tissue from an individual may indicate a predisposition for the development of
20 the disease, or may provide a means for detecting the disease prior to the appearance of actual clinical symptoms. A more definitive diagnosis of this type may allow health professionals to employ preventative measures or aggressive treatment earlier thereby preventing the development or further progression of the cancer.

Additional diagnostic uses for oligonucleotides designed from the sequences encoding HJNCT
25 may involve the use of PCR. These oligomers may be chemically synthesized, generated enzymatically, or produced in vitro. Oligomers will preferably contain a fragment of a polynucleotide encoding HJNCT, or a fragment of a polynucleotide complementary to the polynucleotide encoding HJNCT, and will be employed under optimized conditions for identification of a specific gene or condition. Oligomers may also be employed under less stringent conditions for detection or quantitation of closely related DNA or
30 RNA sequences.

Methods which may also be used to quantify the expression of HJNCT include radiolabeling or biotinylating nucleotides, coamplification of a control nucleic acid, and interpolating results from standard curves. (See, e.g., Melby, P.C. et al. (1993) J. Immunol. Methods 159:235-244; Duplaa, C. et al. (1993) Anal. Biochem. 212:229-236.) The speed of quantitation of multiple samples may be accelerated by

running the assay in an ELISA format where the oligomer of interest is presented in various dilutions and a spectrophotometric or colorimetric response gives rapid quantitation.

In further embodiments, oligonucleotides or longer fragments derived from any of the polynucleotide sequences described herein may be used as targets in a microarray. The microarray can be
5 used to monitor the expression level of large numbers of genes simultaneously and to identify genetic variants, mutations, and polymorphisms. This information may be used to determine gene function, to understand the genetic basis of a disorder, to diagnose a disorder, and to develop and monitor the activities of therapeutic agents.

Microarrays may be prepared, used, and analyzed using methods known in the art. (See, e.g.,
10 Brennan, T.M. et al. (1995) U.S. Patent No. 5,474,796; Schena, M. et al. (1996) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 93:10614-10619; Baldeschweiler et al. (1995) PCT application WO95/251116; Shalon, D. et al. (1995) PCT application WO95/35505; Heller, R.A. et al. (1997) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 94:2150-2155; and Heller, M.J. et al. (1997) U.S. Patent No. 5,605,662.)

In another embodiment of the invention, nucleic acid sequences encoding HJNCT may be used to
15 generate hybridization probes useful in mapping the naturally occurring genomic sequence. The sequences may be mapped to a particular chromosome, to a specific region of a chromosome, or to artificial chromosome constructions, e.g., human artificial chromosomes (HACs), yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs), bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs), bacterial P1 constructions, or single chromosome cDNA libraries. (See, e.g., Harrington, J.J. et al. (1997) Nat. Genet. 15:345-355; Price,
20 C.M. (1993) Blood Rev. 7:127-134; and Trask, B.J. (1991) Trends Genet. 7:149-154.)

Fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH) may be correlated with other physical chromosome mapping techniques and genetic map data. (See, e.g., Heinz-Ulrich, et al. (1995) in Meyers, supra, pp. 965-968.) Examples of genetic map data can be found in various scientific journals or at the Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM) site. Correlation between the location of the gene encoding
25 HJNCT on a physical chromosomal map and a specific disorder, or a predisposition to a specific disorder, may help define the region of DNA associated with that disorder. The nucleotide sequences of the invention may be used to detect differences in gene sequences among normal, carrier, and affected individuals.

In situ hybridization of chromosomal preparations and physical mapping techniques, such as
30 linkage analysis using established chromosomal markers, may be used for extending genetic maps. Often the placement of a gene on the chromosome of another mammalian species, such as mouse, may reveal associated markers even if the number or arm of a particular human chromosome is not known. New sequences can be assigned to chromosomal arms by physical mapping. This provides valuable information to investigators searching for disease genes using positional cloning or other gene discovery

techniques. Once the disease or syndrome has been crudely localized by genetic linkage to a particular genomic region, e.g., ataxia-telangiectasia to 11q22-23, any sequences mapping to that area may represent associated or regulatory genes for further investigation. (See, e.g., Gatti, R.A. et al. (1988) Nature 336:577-580.) The nucleotide sequence of the subject invention may also be used to detect
5 differences in the chromosomal location due to translocation, inversion, etc., among normal, carrier, or affected individuals.

In another embodiment of the invention, HJNCT, its catalytic or immunogenic fragments, or oligopeptides thereof can be used for screening libraries of compounds in any of a variety of drug screening techniques. The fragment employed in such screening may be free in solution, affixed to a
10 solid support, borne on a cell surface, or located intracellularly. The formation of binding complexes between HJNCT and the agent being tested may be measured.

Another technique for drug screening provides for high throughput screening of compounds having suitable binding affinity to the protein of interest. (See, e.g., Geysen, et al. (1984) PCT application WO84/03564.) In this method, large numbers of different small test compounds are synthesized on a
15 solid substrate. The test compounds are reacted with HJNCT, or fragments thereof, and washed. Bound HJNCT is then detected by methods well known in the art. Purified HJNCT can also be coated directly onto plates for use in the aforementioned drug screening techniques. Alternatively, non-neutralizing antibodies can be used to capture the peptide and immobilize it on a solid support.

In another embodiment, one may use competitive drug screening assays in which neutralizing
20 antibodies capable of binding HJNCT specifically compete with a test compound for binding HJNCT. In this manner, antibodies can be used to detect the presence of any peptide which shares one or more antigenic determinants with HJNCT.

In additional embodiments, the nucleotide sequences which encode HJNCT may be used in any molecular biology techniques that have yet to be developed, provided the new techniques rely on
25 properties of nucleotide sequences that are currently known, including, but not limited to, such properties as the triplet genetic code and specific base pair interactions.

Without further elaboration, it is believed that one skilled in the art can, using the preceding description, utilize the present invention to its fullest extent. The following preferred specific
30 embodiments are, therefore, to be construed as merely illustrative, and not limitative of the remainder of the disclosure in any way whatsoever.

The disclosures of all patents, applications, and publications mentioned above and below, in particular U.S. Ser. No. [Attorney Docket No. PF-0590 P, filed September 25, 1998], U.S. Ser. No. [Attorney Docket No. PF-0613 P, filed October 13, 1998], and U.S. Ser. No. [Attorney Docket No. PF-

0700 P, filed May 4, 1999], are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

EXAMPLES

I. Construction of cDNA Libraries

5 RNA was isolated from tissues described in Table 4. For construction of the LUNGNOT23 and OVARTUT02 cDNA libraries, the frozen tissue was homogenized and lysed in TRIZOL reagent (1gm tissue/10 ml TRIZOL reagent; Life Technologies), a monophasic solution of phenol and guanidine isothiocyanate, using a Polytron PT-3000 homogenizer (Brinkman Instruments, Westbury NY). After a brief incubation on ice, chloroform was added (1:5 v/v), and the mixture was centrifuged to separate the
10 phases. The upper aqueous phase was removed to a fresh tube, and isopropanol was added to precipitate RNA. The RNA was resuspended in RNase-free water and treated with DNase. The RNA was re-extracted as necessary with acid phenol-chloroform to increase purity, and the RNA was reprecipitated with sodium acetate and ethanol. For construction of the BLADNOT04 cDNA library, the frozen tissue was homogenized and lysed using a Polytron PT-3000 homogenizer (Brinkmann Instruments) in
15 guanidinium isothiocyanate solution. The lysate was centrifuged over a 5.7 M CsCl cushion using an SW28 rotor in an L8-70M ultracentrifuge (Beckman Instruments, Fullerton CA) for 18 hours at 25,000 rpm at ambient temperature. RNA was extracted with acid phenol pH 4.7, precipitated using 0.3 M sodium acetate and 2.5 volumes of ethanol, resuspended in RNase-free water, and treated with DNase at 37°C. RNA extraction and precipitation steps were repeated. For construction of the OVARDIT04
20 cDNA library, RNA was isolated directly from tissue lysates using other RNA isolation kits, e.g., the POLY(A)PURE mRNA purification kit (Ambion, Austin TX), or HPLC.

From each RNA preparation, poly(A+) RNA was isolated using the OLIGOTEX kit (QIAGEN, Chatsworth CA). Poly(A+) RNA was used for cDNA synthesis and construction of each cDNA library according to the recommended protocols in the SUPERScript plasmid system (Life Technologies). The
25 cDNAs were fractionated on a SEPHAROSE CL4B column (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech), and those cDNAs exceeding 400 bp were ligated into pINCY (Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Palo Alto CA). Recombinant plasmids were transformed into DH5 α competent cells or ElectroMAX® cells (Life Technologies).

II. Isolation of cDNA Clones

30 Plasmid DNA was released from the cells and purified using the R.E.A.L. PREP 96 plasmid purification kit (QIAGEN). The recommended protocol was employed except for the following changes: 1) the bacteria were cultured in 1 ml of sterile Terrific Broth (Life Technologies) with carbenicillin at 25 mg/l and glycerol at 0.4%; 2) after the cultures were incubated for 19 hours, the cells were lysed with 0.3 ml of lysis buffer; and 3) following isopropanol precipitation, the plasmid DNA pellets were each

resuspended in 0.1 ml of distilled water. The DNA samples were stored at 4°C.

III. Sequencing and Analysis

cDNA sequencing reactions were processed using standard methods or high-throughput instrumentation such as the ABI CATALYST 800 (Perkin-Elmer) thermal cycler or the PTC-200 thermal
5 cycler (MJ Research) in conjunction with the HYDRA microdispenser (Robbins Scientific) or the MICROLAB 2200 (Hamilton) liquid transfer system. cDNA sequencing reactions were prepared using reagents provided by Amersham Pharmacia Biotech or supplied in ABI sequencing kits such as the ABI PRISM BIGDYE Terminator cycle sequencing ready reaction kit (Perkin-Elmer). Electrophoretic
10 separation of cDNA sequencing reactions and detection of labeled polynucleotides were carried out using the MEGABACE 1000 DNA sequencing system (Molecular Dynamics); the ABI PRISM 373 or 377 sequencing system (Perkin-Elmer) in conjunction with standard ABI protocols and base calling software; or other sequence analysis systems known in the art. Reading frames within the cDNA sequences were identified using standard methods (reviewed in Ausubel, 1997, supra, unit 7.7). Some of the cDNA sequences were selected for extension using the techniques disclosed in Example V.

15 The polynucleotide sequences derived from cDNA sequencing were assembled and analyzed using a combination of software programs which utilize algorithms well known to those skilled in the art. Table 5 summarizes the tools, programs, and algorithms used and provides applicable descriptions, references, and threshold parameters. The first column of Table 5 shows the tools, programs, and algorithms used, the second column provides brief descriptions thereof, the third column presents
20 appropriate references, all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety, and the fourth column presents, where applicable, the scores, probability values, and other parameters used to evaluate the strength of a match between two sequences (the higher the score, the greater the homology between two sequences). Sequences were analyzed using MACDNASIS PRO software (Hitachi Software Engineering, South San Francisco CA) and LASERGENE software (DNASTAR). Polynucleotide and
25 polypeptide sequence alignments were generated using the default parameters specified by the clustal algorithm as incorporated into the MEGALIGN multisequence alignment program (DNASTAR), which also calculates the percent identity between aligned sequences.

The polynucleotide sequences were validated by removing vector, linker, and polyA sequences and by masking ambiguous bases, using algorithms and programs based on BLAST, dynamic
30 programing, and dinucleotide nearest neighbor analysis. The sequences were then queried against a selection of public databases such as the GenBank primate, rodent, mammalian, vertebrate, and eukaryote databases, and BLOCKS to acquire annotation using programs based on BLAST, FASTA, and BLIMPS. The sequences were assembled into full length polynucleotide sequences using programs based on Phred, Phrap, and Consed, and were screened for open reading frames using programs based on GeneMark,

BLAST, and FASTA. The full length polynucleotide sequences were translated to derive the corresponding full length amino acid sequences, and these full length sequences were subsequently analyzed by querying against databases such as the GenBank databases (described above), SwissProt, BLOCKS, PRINTS, Prosite, and Hidden Markov Model (HMM)-based protein family databases such as PFAM. HMM is a probabilistic approach which analyzes consensus primary structures of gene families. (See, e.g., Eddy, S.R. (1996) Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol. 6:361-365.)

The programs described above for the assembly and analysis of full length polynucleotide and amino acid sequences were also used to identify polynucleotide sequence fragments from SEQ ID NO:5-8. Fragments from about 20 to about 4000 nucleotides which are useful in hybridization and amplification technologies were described in The Invention section above.

IV. Northern Analysis

Northern analysis is a laboratory technique used to detect the presence of a transcript of a gene and involves the hybridization of a labeled nucleotide sequence to a membrane on which RNAs from a particular cell type or tissue have been bound. (See, e.g., Sambrook, supra, ch. 7; Ausubel, 1995, supra, ch. 4 and 16.)

Analogous computer techniques applying BLAST were used to search for identical or related molecules in nucleotide databases such as GenBank or LIFESEQ (Incyte Pharmaceuticals). This analysis is much faster than multiple membrane-based hybridizations. In addition, the sensitivity of the computer search can be modified to determine whether any particular match is categorized as exact or similar. The basis of the search is the product score, which is defined as:

$$\frac{\% \text{ sequence identity} \times \% \text{ maximum BLAST score}}{100}$$

100

The product score takes into account both the degree of similarity between two sequences and the length of the sequence match. For example, with a product score of 40, the match will be exact within a 1% to 2% error, and, with a product score of 70, the match will be exact. Similar molecules are usually identified by selecting those which show product scores between 15 and 40, although lower scores may identify related molecules.

The results of northern analyses are reported as a percentage distribution of libraries in which the transcript encoding HJNCT occurred. Analysis involved the categorization of cDNA libraries by organ/tissue and disease. The organ/tissue categories included cardiovascular, dermatologic, developmental, endocrine, gastrointestinal, hematopoietic/immune, musculoskeletal, nervous, reproductive, and urologic. The disease/condition categories included cancer, inflammation/trauma, cell proliferation, neurological, and pooled. For each category, the number of libraries expressing the sequence of interest was counted and divided by the total number of libraries across all categories.

Percentage values of tissue-specific and disease- or condition-specific expression are reported in Table 3.

V. Extension of HJNCT Encoding Polynucleotides

The full length nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 was produced by extension of an appropriate fragment of the full length molecule, using oligonucleotide primers designed from this
 5 fragment. One primer was synthesized to initiate extension of an antisense polynucleotide, and the other was synthesized to initiate extension of a sense polynucleotide. Primers were used to facilitate the extension of the known sequence "outward" generating amplicons containing new unknown nucleotide sequence for the region of interest. The initial primers were designed from the cDNA using OLIGO 4.06 software (National Biosciences, Plymouth, MN), or another appropriate program, to be about 22 to 30
 10 nucleotides in length, to have a GC content of about 50% or more, and to anneal to the target sequence at temperatures of about 68°C to about 72°C. Any stretch of nucleotides which would result in hairpin structures and primer-primer dimerizations was avoided.

Selected human cDNA libraries (Life Technologies) were used to extend the sequence. If more than one extension is necessary or desired, additional sets of primers are designed to further extend the
 15 known region.

High fidelity amplification was obtained by following the instructions for the XL-PCR kit (Perkin-Elmer Corp., Norwalk, CT) and thoroughly mixing the enzyme and reaction mix. PCR was performed using the PTC-200 thermal cycler (MJ Research, Inc., Watertown, MA), beginning with 40 pmol of each primer and the recommended concentrations of all other components of the kit, with the
 20 following parameters:

	Step 1	94° C for 1 min (initial denaturation)
	Step 2	65° C for 1 min
	Step 3	68° C for 6 min
	Step 4	94° C for 15 sec
25	Step 5	65° C for 1 min
	Step 6	68° C for 7 min
	Step 7	Repeat steps 4 through 6 for an additional 15 cycles
	Step 8	94° C for 15 sec
	Step 9	65° C for 1 min
30	Step 10	68° C for 7:15 min
	Step 11	Repeat steps 8 through 10 for an additional 12 cycles
	Step 12	72° C for 8 min
	Step 13	4° C (and holding)

35 A 5 µl to 10 µl aliquot of the reaction mixture was analyzed by electrophoresis on a low concentration (about 0.6% to 0.8%) agarose mini-gel to determine which reactions were successful in extending the sequence. Bands thought to contain the largest products were excised from the gel, purified using QIAQUICK DNA gel purification kit (Qiagen, Inc.), and trimmed of overhangs using Klenow

enzyme to facilitate religation and cloning.

After ethanol precipitation, the products were redissolved in 13 μ l of ligation buffer, 1 μ l T4-DNA ligase (15 units) and 1 μ l T4 polynucleotide kinase were added, and the mixture was incubated at room temperature for 2 to 3 hours, or overnight at 16° C. Competent *E. coli* cells (in 40 μ l of appropriate media) were transformed with 3 μ l of ligation mixture and cultured in 80 μ l of SOC medium. (See, e.g., Sambrook, *supra*, Appendix A, p. 2.) After incubation for one hour at 37°C, the *E. coli* mixture was plated on Luria Bertani (LB) agar (See, e.g., Sambrook, *supra*, Appendix A, p. 1) containing carbenicillin (2x carb). The following day, several colonies were randomly picked from each plate and cultured in 150 μ l of liquid LB/2x carb medium placed in an individual well of an appropriate commercially-available sterile 96-well microtiter plate. The following day, 5 μ l of each overnight culture was transferred into a non-sterile 96-well plate and, after dilution 1:10 with water, 5 μ l from each sample was transferred into a PCR array.

For PCR amplification, 18 μ l of concentrated PCR reaction mix (3.3x) containing 4 units of rTth DNA polymerase, a vector primer, and one or both of the gene specific primers used for the extension reaction were added to each well. Amplification was performed using the following conditions:

	Step 1	94° C for 60 sec
	Step 2	94° C for 20 sec
	Step 3	55° C for 30 sec
	Step 4	72° C for 90 sec
20	Step 5	Repeat steps 2 through 4 for an additional 29 cycles
	Step 6	72° C for 180 sec
	Step 7	4° C (and holding)

Aliquots of the PCR reactions were run on agarose gels together with molecular weight markers. The sizes of the PCR products were compared to the original partial cDNAs, and appropriate clones were selected, ligated into plasmid, and sequenced.

In like manner, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 is used to obtain 5' regulatory sequences using the procedure above, oligonucleotides designed for 5' extension, and an appropriate genomic library.

The full length nucleic acid sequences of SEQ ID NO:6-8 were produced by extension of appropriate fragments of the full length molecules using oligonucleotide primers designed from these fragments. Primers were synthesized to initiate either 5' extension of the known fragments or 3' extension of the known fragments. The initial primers were designed using OLIGO 4.06 software (National Biosciences), or another appropriate program, to be about 22 to 30 nucleotides in length, to have a GC content of about 50% or more, and to anneal to the target sequence at temperatures of about 68°C to about 72°C. Any stretch of nucleotides which would result in hairpin structures and primer-primer

dimerizations was avoided.

Selected human cDNA libraries were used to extend the sequence. If more than one extension was necessary or desired, additional or nested sets of primers were designed.

High fidelity amplification was obtained by PCR using methods well known in the art. PCR was performed in 96-well plates using the PTC-200 thermal cycler (MJ Research, Inc.). The reaction mix contained DNA template, 200 nmol of each primer, reaction buffer containing Mg^{2+} , $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, and β -mercaptoethanol, Taq DNA polymerase (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech), ELONGASE enzyme (Life Technologies), and Pfu DNA polymerase (Stratagene), with the following parameters for primer pair PCI A and PCI B: Step 1: 94°C, 3 min; Step 2: 94°C, 15 sec; Step 3: 60°C, 1 min; Step 4: 68°C, 2 min; Step 5: Steps 2, 3, and 4 repeated 20 times; Step 6: 68°C, 5 min; Step 7: storage at 4°C. In the alternative, the parameters for primer pair T7 and SK+ were as follows: Step 1: 94°C, 3 min; Step 2: 94°C, 15 sec; Step 3: 57°C, 1 min; Step 4: 68°C, 2 min; Step 5: Steps 2, 3, and 4 repeated 20 times; Step 6: 68°C, 5 min; Step 7: storage at 4°C.

The concentration of DNA in each well was determined by dispensing 100 μ l PICOGREEN quantitation reagent (0.25% (v/v) PICOGREEN; Molecular Probes, Eugene OR) dissolved in 1X TE and 0.5 μ l of undiluted PCR product into each well of an opaque fluorimeter plate (Corning Costar, Acton MA), allowing the DNA to bind to the reagent. The plate was scanned in a Fluoroskan II (Labsystems Oy, Helsinki, Finland) to measure the fluorescence of the sample and to quantify the concentration of DNA. A 5 μ l to 10 μ l aliquot of the reaction mixture was analyzed by electrophoresis on a 1 % agarose mini-gel to determine which reactions were successful in extending the sequence.

The extended nucleotides were desalted and concentrated, transferred to 384-well plates, digested with CviJI cholera virus endonuclease (Molecular Biology Research, Madison WI), and sonicated or sheared prior to religation into pUC 18 vector (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech). For shotgun sequencing, the digested nucleotides were separated on low concentration (0.6 to 0.8%) agarose gels, fragments were excised, and agar digested with Agar ACE (Promega). Extended clones were religated using T4 ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly MA) into pUC 18 vector (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech), treated with Pfu DNA polymerase (Stratagene) to fill-in restriction site overhangs, and transfected into competent *E. coli* cells. Transformed cells were selected on antibiotic-containing media, individual colonies were picked and cultured overnight at 37°C in 384-well plates in LB/2x carb liquid media.

The cells were lysed, and DNA was amplified by PCR using Taq DNA polymerase (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech) and Pfu DNA polymerase (Stratagene) with the following parameters: Step 1: 94°C, 3 min; Step 2: 94°C, 15 sec; Step 3: 60°C, 1 min; Step 4: 72°C, 2 min; Step 5: steps 2, 3, and 4 repeated 29 times; Step 6: 72°C, 5 min; Step 7: storage at 4°C. DNA was quantified by PICOGREEN reagent

(Molecular Probes) as described above. Samples with low DNA recoveries were reamplified using the same conditions as described above. Samples were diluted with 20% dimethylsulphoxide (1:2, v/v), and sequenced using DYENAMIC energy transfer sequencing primers and the DYENAMIC DIRECT kit (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech) or the ABI PRISM BIGDYE Terminator cycle sequencing ready reaction
5 kit (Perkin-Elmer).

In like manner, the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO:6-8 are used to obtain 5' regulatory sequences using the procedure above, oligonucleotides designed for such extension, and an appropriate genomic library.

VI. Labeling and Use of Individual Hybridization Probes

10 Hybridization probes derived from SEQ ID NO:5-8 are employed to screen cDNAs, genomic DNAs, or mRNAs. Although the labeling of oligonucleotides, consisting of about 20 base pairs, is specifically described, essentially the same procedure is used with larger nucleotide fragments. Oligonucleotides are designed using state-of-the-art software such as OLIGO 4.06 software (National Biosciences) and labeled by combining 50 pmol of each oligomer, 250 μ Ci of [γ - 32 P] adenosine
15 triphosphate (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech), and T4 polynucleotide kinase (DuPont NEN, Boston MA). The labeled oligonucleotides are substantially purified using a SEPHADEX G-25 superfine size exclusion dextran bead column (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech). An aliquot containing 10^7 counts per minute of the labeled probe is used in a typical membrane-based hybridization analysis of human genomic DNA digested with one of the following endonucleases: Ase I, Bgl II, Eco RI, Pst I, Xba I, or Pvu II (DuPont
20 NEN).

The DNA from each digest is fractionated on a 0.7% agarose gel and transferred to nylon membranes (Nytran Plus, Schleicher & Schuell, Durham NH). Hybridization is carried out for 16 hours at 40°C. To remove nonspecific signals, blots are sequentially washed at room temperature under increasingly stringent conditions up to 0.1 x saline sodium citrate and 0.5% sodium dodecyl sulfate.

25 Hybridization patterns are visualized using autoradiography and compared.

VII. Microarrays

A chemical coupling procedure and an ink jet device can be used to synthesize array elements on the surface of a substrate. (See, e.g., Baldeschweiler, supra.) An array analogous to a dot or slot blot may also be used to arrange and link elements to the surface of a substrate using thermal, UV, chemical, or
30 mechanical bonding procedures. A typical array may be produced by hand or using available methods and machines and contain any appropriate number of elements. After hybridization, nonhybridized probes are removed and a scanner used to determine the levels and patterns of fluorescence. The degree of complementarity and the relative abundance of each probe which hybridizes to an element on the microarray may be assessed through analysis of the scanned images.

Full-length cDNAs, Expressed Sequence Tags (ESTs), or fragments thereof may comprise the elements of the microarray. Fragments suitable for hybridization can be selected using software well known in the art such as LASERGENE software (DNASTAR). Full-length cDNAs, ESTs, or fragments thereof corresponding to one of the nucleotide sequences of the present invention, or selected at random
5 from a cDNA library relevant to the present invention, are arranged on an appropriate substrate, e.g., a glass slide. The cDNA is fixed to the slide using, e.g., UV cross-linking followed by thermal and chemical treatments and subsequent drying. (See, e.g., Schena, M. et al. (1995) Science 270:467-470; Shalon, D. et al. (1996) Genome Res. 6:639-645.) Fluorescent probes are prepared and used for hybridization to the elements on the substrate. The substrate is analyzed by procedures described above.

10 VIII. Complementary Polynucleotides

Sequences complementary to the HJNCT-encoding sequences, or any parts thereof, are used to detect, decrease, or inhibit expression of naturally occurring HJNCT. Although use of oligonucleotides comprising from about 15 to 30 base pairs is described, essentially the same procedure is used with smaller or with larger sequence fragments. Appropriate oligonucleotides are designed using OLIGO 4.06
15 software (National Biosciences) and the coding sequence of HJNCT. To inhibit transcription, a complementary oligonucleotide is designed from the most unique 5' sequence and used to prevent promoter binding to the coding sequence. To inhibit translation, a complementary oligonucleotide is designed to prevent ribosomal binding to the HJNCT-encoding transcript.

IX. Expression of HJNCT

20 Expression and purification of HJNCT is achieved using bacterial or virus-based expression systems. For expression of HJNCT in bacteria, cDNA is subcloned into an appropriate vector containing an antibiotic resistance gene and an inducible promoter that directs high levels of cDNA transcription. Examples of such promoters include, but are not limited to, the *trp-lac (tac)* hybrid promoter and the T5 or T7 bacteriophage promoter in conjunction with the *lac* operator regulatory element. Recombinant
25 vectors are transformed into suitable bacterial hosts, e.g., BL21(DE3). Antibiotic resistant bacteria express HJNCT upon induction with isopropyl beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG). Expression of HJNCT in eukaryotic cells is achieved by infecting insect or mammalian cell lines with recombinant Autographica californica nuclear polyhedrosis virus (AcMNPV), commonly known as baculovirus. The nonessential polyhedrin gene of baculovirus is replaced with cDNA encoding HJNCT by either
30 homologous recombination or bacterial-mediated transposition involving transfer plasmid intermediates. Viral infectivity is maintained and the strong polyhedrin promoter drives high levels of cDNA transcription. Recombinant baculovirus is used to infect Spodoptera frugiperda (Sf9) insect cells in most cases, or human hepatocytes, in some cases. Infection of the latter requires additional genetic modifications to baculovirus. (See Engelhard, E.K. et al. (1994) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 91:3224-

3227; Sandig, V. et al. (1996) Hum. Gene Ther. 7:1937-1945.)

In most expression systems, HJNCT is synthesized as a fusion protein with, e.g., glutathione S-transferase (GST) or a peptide epitope tag, such as FLAG or 6-His, permitting rapid, single-step, affinity-based purification of recombinant fusion protein from crude cell lysates. GST, a 26-kilodalton enzyme
5 from Schistosoma japonicum, enables the purification of fusion proteins on immobilized glutathione under conditions that maintain protein activity and antigenicity (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech). Following purification, the GST moiety can be proteolytically cleaved from HJNCT at specifically engineered sites. FLAG, an 8-amino acid peptide, enables immunoaffinity purification using commercially available monoclonal and polyclonal anti-FLAG antibodies (Eastman Kodak). 6-His, a
10 stretch of six consecutive histidine residues, enables purification on metal-chelate resins (QIAGEN). Methods for protein expression and purification are discussed in Ausubel (1995, supra, ch 10 and 16). Purified HJNCT obtained by these methods can be used directly in the following activity assay.

X. Demonstration of HJNCT Activity

An assay for HJNCT-1 activity measures the PDZ-induced clustering of transmembrane
15 receptors (Ponting, supra). Cultured cell lines are cotransfected with cDNA encoding HJNCT-1 and either EGF receptor or NMDA receptor. Control cell lines are transfected with only one of the above cDNAs. Clustering of EGF receptors or NMDA receptors in the cotransfected cell lines is detected and quantified using commercially available antibody specific to these receptors in conjunction with indirect immunofluorescence and image analysis systems. The amount of receptor clustering is directly
20 proportional to the amount of HJNCT-1 activity.

HJNCT-2 activity is demonstrated by its ability to bind GM130 in an in vitro assay (Barr (1998) supra). Coupled in vitro transcription-translation reactions are carried out with plasmids encoding HJNCT-2 and GM130 in the presence of radiolabeled [³⁵S]-methionine. Immunoprecipitations are performed on the in vitro transcription-translation reaction with antibodies to HJNCT-2. The
25 immunoprecipitated material is analyzed by sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and autoradiography to identify both HJNCT-2 and GM130 in the immunoprecipitates. The GM130 spot is cut out and counted in a radioisotope counter. The amount of radioactivity recovered is proportional to the activity of HJNCT-2 in the sample.

An assay for HJNCT-3 activity measures the ability of HJNCT-3 to induce the formation of tight
30 junction strands when expressed in mouse fibroblasts (Furuse, M. et al. (1998) J. Cell Biol. 143:391-401). cDNA encoding HJNCT-3 is subcloned into a mammalian expression vector and transfected into mouse L fibroblasts. The transfected cells are analyzed by freeze-fracture electron microscopy after glutaraldehyde fixation and compared to untransfected cells. The presence of networks of strands and grooves at cell contact sites in transfected as compared to control cells is indicative of HJNCT-3 activity.

An assay for HJNCT-4 activity measures the disruption of cytoskeletal filament networks upon overexpression of HJNCT-4 in cultured cell lines (Reznicek, G.A. et al. (1998) J. Cell Biol. 141:209-225). cDNA encoding HJNCT-4 is subcloned into a mammalian expression vector that drives high levels of cDNA expression. This construct is transfected into cultured cells, such as rat kangaroo PtK2 or rat bladder carcinoma 804G cells. Actin filaments and intermediate filaments such as keratin and vimentin are visualized by immunofluorescence microscopy using antibodies and techniques well known in the art. The configuration and abundance of cytoskeletal filaments can be assessed and quantified using confocal imaging techniques. In particular, the appearance of cell surface projections is indicative of HJNCT-4 activity.

10 **XI. Functional Assays**

HJNCT function is assessed by expressing the sequences encoding HJNCT at physiologically elevated levels in mammalian cell culture systems. cDNA is subcloned into a mammalian expression vector containing a strong promoter that drives high levels of cDNA expression. Vectors of choice include pCMV SPORT (Life Technologies) and pCR3.1 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad CA), both of which contain the cytomegalovirus promoter. 5-10 μ g of recombinant vector are transiently transfected into a human cell line, preferably of endothelial or hematopoietic origin, using either liposome formulations or electroporation. 1-2 μ g of an additional plasmid containing sequences encoding a marker protein are co-transfected. Expression of a marker protein provides a means to distinguish transfected cells from nontransfected cells and is a reliable predictor of cDNA expression from the recombinant vector. Marker proteins of choice include, e.g., Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP; Clontech), CD64, or a CD64-GFP fusion protein. Flow cytometry (FCM), an automated, laser optics-based technique, is used to identify transfected cells expressing GFP or CD64-GFP and to evaluate the apoptotic state of the cells and other cellular properties. FCM detects and quantifies the uptake of fluorescent molecules that diagnose events preceding or coincident with cell death. These events include changes in nuclear DNA content as measured by staining of DNA with propidium iodide; changes in cell size and granularity as measured by forward light scatter and 90 degree side light scatter; down-regulation of DNA synthesis as measured by decrease in bromodeoxyuridine uptake; alterations in expression of cell surface and intracellular proteins as measured by reactivity with specific antibodies; and alterations in plasma membrane composition as measured by the binding of fluorescein-conjugated Annexin V protein to the cell surface. Methods in flow cytometry are discussed in Ormerod, M.G. (1994) Flow Cytometry, Oxford, New York NY.

The influence of HJNCT on gene expression can be assessed using highly purified populations of cells transfected with sequences encoding HJNCT and either CD64 or CD64-GFP. CD64 and CD64-GFP are expressed on the surface of transfected cells and bind to conserved regions of human immunoglobulin G (IgG). Transfected cells are efficiently separated from nontransfected cells using

magnetic beads coated with either human IgG or antibody against CD64 (DYNAL, Lake Success NY). mRNA can be purified from the cells using methods well known by those of skill in the art. Expression of mRNA encoding HJNCT and other genes of interest can be analyzed by northern analysis or microarray techniques.

5 XII. Production of HJNCT Specific Antibodies

HJNCT substantially purified using polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE; see, e.g., Harrington, M.G. (1990) *Methods Enzymol.* 182:488-495), or other purification techniques, is used to immunize rabbits and to produce antibodies using standard protocols.

Alternatively, the HJNCT amino acid sequence is analyzed using LASERGENE software
10 (DNASTAR) to determine regions of high immunogenicity, and a corresponding oligopeptide is synthesized and used to raise antibodies by means known to those of skill in the art. Methods for selection of appropriate epitopes, such as those near the C-terminus or in hydrophilic regions are well described in the art. (See, e.g., Ausubel, 1995, *supra*, ch. 11.)

Typically, oligopeptides 15 residues in length are synthesized using an ABI 431A peptide
15 synthesizer (Perkin-Elmer) using fmoc-chemistry and coupled to KLH (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis MO) by reaction with N-maleimidobenzoyl-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (MBS) to increase immunogenicity. (See, e.g., Ausubel, 1995, *supra*.) Rabbits are immunized with the oligopeptide-KLH complex in complete Freund's adjuvant. Resulting antisera are tested for antipeptide activity by, for example, binding the peptide to plastic, blocking with 1% BSA, reacting with rabbit antisera, washing, and reacting with
20 radio-iodinated goat anti-rabbit IgG.

XIII. Purification of Naturally Occurring HJNCT Using Specific Antibodies

Naturally occurring or recombinant HJNCT is substantially purified by immunoaffinity chromatography using antibodies specific for HJNCT. An immunoaffinity column is constructed by covalently coupling anti-HJNCT antibody to an activated chromatographic resin, such as CNBr-activated
25 SEPHAROSE (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech). After the coupling, the resin is blocked and washed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Media containing HJNCT are passed over the immunoaffinity column, and the column is washed under conditions that allow the preferential absorbance of HJNCT (e.g., high ionic strength buffers in the presence of detergent). The column is eluted under conditions that disrupt antibody/HJNCT binding (e.g.,
30 a buffer of pH 2 to pH 3, or a high concentration of a chaotrope, such as urea or thiocyanate ion), and HJNCT is collected.

XIV. Identification of Molecules Which Interact with HJNCT

HJNCT, or biologically active fragments thereof, are labeled with ¹²⁵I Bolton-Hunter reagent. (See, e.g., Bolton, A.E. and W.M. Hunter (1973) *Biochem. J.* 133:529-539.) Candidate molecules

previously arrayed in the wells of a multi-well plate are incubated with the labeled HJNCT, washed, and any wells with labeled HJNCT complex are assayed. Data obtained using different concentrations of HJNCT are used to calculate values for the number, affinity, and association of HJNCT with the candidate molecules.

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Various modifications and variations of the described methods and systems of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention.

Although the invention has been described in connection with specific preferred embodiments, it should be understood that the invention as claimed should not be unduly limited to such specific embodiments.

10 Indeed, various modifications of the described modes for carrying out the invention which are obvious to those skilled in molecular biology or related fields are intended to be within the scope of the following claims.

Table 1

Polypeptide SEQ ID NO:	Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Clone ID	Library	Fragments
1	5	2687924	LUNGNOT23	2687924H1 (LUNGNOT23), 549300H1 (BEPINOT01), 2205793F6 (SPLNFET02), 2457286F6 (ENDANOT01), 2664525F6 (ADRENOT08)
2	6	1320134	BLADNOT04	1320134H1 (BLADNOT04), 3373357H1 (CONNTUT05), 881178H1 (THYRNOT02), 2995387H1 (OVRTUT07), 3269474F6 (BRAINOT20), 1320134F1 (BLADNOT04), 4708208H1 (BRAIFET02)
3	7	2594049	OVRTUT02	2594049H1 (OVRTUT02), 2867395T6 (KIDNNOT20), 4071746F6 (KIDNNOT26), SBGA03327F1, SBGA01580F1, SBGA04257F1, SBGA02907F1, SBGA02912F1, SBGA05085F1
4	8	5139028	OVARIT04	1333953T1 (COLNNOT13), 1843743R6 (COLNNOT08), 1855824F6 (PROSNOT18), 2614186F6 (GBLANOT01)

Table 2

SEQ ID NO:	Amino Acid Residues	Potential Phosphorylation Sites	Potential Glycosylation Sites	Signature Sequences, Motifs, and Domains	Homologous Sequences	Analytical Methods
1	361	T3 T166 S179 S317 S11 T23 S74 T273	N61 N67	GLGF segment (PDZ domain): G90-F93 (+R84) Homer domain: T65-F93 Potential myristoylation sites: G54, G90, G123, G250, G252	Homer [Rattus norvegicus] g1913909	BLAST MOTIFS
2	300	S4 T11 S28 S32 T97 S123 S124 S138 S174 S189 S201 S211 S222 S224 S229 T247 S257 T283 T285 S297	N180	GRASP65 domain: L50-I62 Potential myristoylation sites: G45, G48, G51, G53, G107, G216, G280	GRASP65 [Rattus norvegicus] g4432587	BLAST MOTIFS
3	230	T62 S29 S155 S187 S208 Y224	N190	Transmembrane domains: A2-S29, V117-W138, L164-C182 Epithelial membrane protein domain: F46-T59	Claudin-2 [Mus musculus] g3335184	BLAST BLOCKS HMM MOTIFS
4	292	S176 S7 S59 S288 S24 S165		PDZ domains: E108-R187, T192-S266	Syntenin [Mus musculus] g3342560	BLAST MOTIFS PFAM

Table 3

Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Useful Fragments	Tissue Expression (Fraction of Total)	Disease or Condition (Fraction of Total)	Vector
5	572-625	Nervous Reproductive Fetal	Immortalized/Cancer (0.43) Trauma (0.14) Immune response (0.11)	pINCY
6	338-370	Nervous (0.35) Reproductive (0.35)	Cancer/Cell proliferation (0.60) Inflammation/Immune response (0.30) Neurological disorders (0.15)	pINCY
7	272-316	Gastrointestinal (0.211) Urologic (0.211) Reproductive (0.211)	Cell proliferation (0.684) Inflammation (0.263)	pINCY
8	625-669	Gastrointestinal (0.521) Nervous (0.146) Reproductive (0.146)	Cell proliferation (0.563) Inflammation (0.375)	pINCY

Table 4

Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Library	Library Comment
5	LUNGNOT23	Library was constructed using RNA isolated from left lobe lung tissue removed from a 58-year-old Caucasian male during a segmental lung resection. Pathology for the associated tumor tissue indicated metastatic grade 3 (of 4) osteosarcoma. Patient history included cancer of the soft tissue, secondary cancer of the lung, prostate cancer, acute duodenal ulcer with hemorrhage, benign hypertension, and radiation therapy. Family history included prostate cancer, benign hypertension, breast cancer, and acute leukemia.
6	BLADNOT04	Library was constructed from bladder tissue obtained from a 28-year-old Caucasian male. The bladder tissue was removed upon death of the individual by a self-inflicted gun shot wound. This library contains markers for seminal vesicle tissue, indicating that it was derived from a heterogeneous mixture of both bladder and seminal vesicle tissue.
7	OVARTUT02	Library was constructed using RNA isolated from ovarian tumor tissue removed from a 51-year-old Caucasian female during an exploratory laparotomy, total abdominal hysterectomy, salpingo-oophorectomy, and an incidental appendectomy. Pathology indicated mucinous cystadenoma presenting as a multiloculated neoplasm involving the entire left ovary. The right ovary contained a follicular cyst and a hemorrhagic corpus luteum. The uterus showed proliferative endometrium and a single intramural leiomyoma. The peritoneal biopsy indicated benign glandular inclusions consistent with endosalpingiosis. Family history included atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, benign hypertension, breast cancer, and uterine cancer.
8	OVARDIT04	Library was constructed using RNA isolated from diseased left ovary tissue removed from a 22-year-old Caucasian female during a left ovarian cystectomy. Pathology indicated a mature cystic teratoma (dermoid cyst) of the left ovary which consisted of aggregate pieces of fibrous tissue and hair. Patient history included capsular disruption of spleen, mononucleosis, and chlamydia (treated at age 21).

Table 5

Program	Description	Reference	Parameter Threshold
ABI FACTURA	A program that removes vector sequences and masks ambiguous bases in nucleic acid sequences.	Perkin-Elmer Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA.	
ABI/PARACEL FDF	A Fast Data Finder useful in comparing and annotating amino acid or nucleic acid sequences.	Perkin-Elmer Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA; Paracel Inc., Pasadena, CA.	Mismatch <50%
ABI AutoAssembler	A program that assembles nucleic acid sequences.	Perkin-Elmer Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA.	
BLAST	A Basic Local Alignment Search Tool useful in sequence similarity search for amino acid and nucleic acid sequences. BLAST includes five functions: blastp, blastn, blastx, tblastn, and tblastx.	Altschul, S.F. et al. (1990) <i>J. Mol. Biol.</i> 215:403-410; Altschul, S.F. et al. (1997) <i>Nucleic Acids Res.</i> 25: 3389-3402.	ESTs: Probability value= 1.0E-8 or less <i>Full Length sequences:</i> Probability value= 1.0E-10 or less
FASTA	A Pearson and Lipman algorithm that searches for similarity between a query sequence and a group of sequences of the same type. FASTA comprises at least five functions: fasta, tfasta, fastx, tfastx, and ssearch.	Pearson, W.R. and D.J. Lipman (1988) <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.</i> 85:2444-2448; Pearson, W.R. (1990) <i>Methods Enzymol.</i> 183: 63-98; and Smith, T.F. and M. S. Waterman (1981) <i>Adv. Appl. Math.</i> 2:482-489.	ESTs: fasta E value=1.0E-6 <i>Assembled ESTs:</i> fasta Identity= 95% or greater and Match length=200 bases or greater; fastx E value=1.0E-8 or less <i>Full Length sequences:</i> fastx score=100 or greater
BLIMPS	A BLOCKS IMPROVED Searcher that matches a sequence against those in BLOCKS and PRINTS databases to search for gene families, sequence homology, and structural fingerprint regions.	Henikoff, S. and J.G. Henikoff, <i>Nucl. Acid Res.</i> , 19:6565-72, 1991. J.G. Henikoff and S. Henikoff (1996) <i>Methods Enzymol.</i> 266:88-105; and Attwood, T.K. et al. (1997) <i>J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.</i> 37: 417-424.	Score=1000 or greater; Ratio of Score/Strength = 0.75 or larger; and Probability value= 1.0E-3 or less if applicable
PFAM	A Hidden Markov Models-based application useful for protein family search.	Krogh, A. et al. (1994) <i>J. Mol. Biol.</i> , 235:1501-1531; Sonnhammer, E.L.L. et al. (1988) <i>Nucleic Acids Res.</i> 26:320-322.	Score=10-50 bits, depending on individual protein families

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Program	Description	Reference	Parameter Threshold
ProfileScan	An algorithm that searches for structural and sequence motifs in protein sequences that match sequence patterns defined in Prosite.	Gribskov, M. et al. (1988) CABIOS 4:61-66; Gribskov, et al. (1989) Methods Enzymol. 183:146-159; Bairoch, A. et al. (1997) Nucleic Acids Res. 25: 217-221.	Score= 4.0 or greater
Phred	A base-calling algorithm that examines automated sequencer traces with high sensitivity and probability.	Ewing, B. et al. (1998) Genome Res. 8:175-185; Ewing, B. and P. Green (1998) Genome Res. 8:186-194.	
Phrap	A Phils Revised Assembly Program including SWAT and CrossMatch, programs based on efficient implementation of the Smith-Waterman algorithm, useful in searching sequence homology and assembling DNA sequences.	Smith, T.F. and M. S. Waterman (1981) Adv. Appl. Math. 2:482-489; Smith, T.F. and M. S. Waterman (1981) J. Mol. Biol. 147:195-197; and Green, P., University of Washington, Seattle, WA.	Score= 120 or greater, Match length= 56 or greater
Consed	A graphical tool for viewing and editing Phrap assemblies	Gordon, D. et al. (1998) Genome Res. 8:195-202.	
SPScan	A weight matrix analysis program that scans protein sequences for the presence of secretory signal peptides.	Nielson, H. et al. (1997) Protein Engineering 10:1-6; Claverie, J.M. and S. Audic (1997) CABIOS 12: 431-439.	Score=5 or greater
Motifs	A program that searches amino acid sequences for patterns that matched those defined in Prosite.	Bairoch et al. <i>supra</i> ; Wisconsin Package Program Manual, version 9, page M51-59, Genetics Computer Group, Madison, WI.	

What is claimed is:

1. A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1-4 and fragments thereof.
- 5 2. A substantially purified variant having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of claim 1.
3. An isolated and purified polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of claim 1.
- 10 4. An isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 90% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide of claim 3.
5. An isolated and purified polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent conditions to
15 the polynucleotide of claim 3.
6. An isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide of claim 3.
- 20 7. A method for detecting a polynucleotide, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) hybridizing the polynucleotide of claim 6 to at least one nucleic acid in a sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and
 - (b) detecting the hybridization complex, wherein the presence of the hybridization complex correlates with the presence of the polynucleotide in the sample.
- 25 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising amplifying the polynucleotide prior to hybridization.
9. An isolated and purified polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected
30 from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5-8 and fragments thereof.
10. An isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 90% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide of claim 9.

11. An isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide of claim 9.

12. An expression vector comprising at least a fragment of the polynucleotide of claim 3.

13. A host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 12.

14. A method for producing a polypeptide, the method comprising the steps of:

a) culturing the host cell of claim 13 under conditions suitable for the expression of the polypeptide; and

b) recovering the polypeptide from the host cell culture.

15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

16. A purified antibody which specifically binds to the polypeptide of claim 1.

17. A purified agonist of the polypeptide of claim 1.

18. A purified antagonist of the polypeptide of claim 1.

19. A method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of HJNCT, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 15.

20. A method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with increased expression or activity of HJNCT, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the antagonist of claim 18.

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FIGURE 1A

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FIGURE 1B

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FIGURE 1C

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FIGURE 2

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FIGURE 3A

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FIGURE 3B

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